

Employees to get 8% pay hike

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The approximately half-million workers in privately-owned enterprises will get an 8 per cent wage erosion allowance, according to the terms of an agreement signed on Friday by representatives of the Histadrut and the Coordinating Bureau of Economic Organizations. The first payment will be made by March 25. (Picture on Page 2)

According to the agreement, which is retroactive to February 1, workers will get at least 153,000 a month on basic salaries up to 1575,000. It will be applied also to payments for overtime work and bonuses so that actual sums may be higher.

Histadrut Trade Union Department head Israel Kassar told *The Jerusalem Post* last night that on average this raise will give workers in privately-owned enterprises about the same compensation as the public servants received in an earlier agreement. The public servants' allowance was calculated at a flat 155,000 a month plus 1566 for every year of seniority. Kassar said workers in low grades in the public service sector will do better than those in privately owned enterprises but private employers will pay more to employees in the top brackets.

Kassar said that some privately owned enterprises have already given workers raises, and these firms will have to pay the 8 per cent raise as well unless their management and staffs agree that the former are advances. If the advances were more than 8 per cent, employers will have to continue paying them higher rates and those paid less than 8 per cent will have to make up the remainder, he said.

In exchange for the raise, the labour federation undertook to maintain industrial peace — but added the proviso that there will be "genuine" negotiations for a 1984-86 wage agreement and that the government restrain price rises.

The parties will now begin negotiating a new cost-of-living allowance agreement to replace the present agreement that expires at the end of March. They have agreed to continue applying the present arrangement unless an agreement is reached by Thursday.

Meanwhile, Kassar asked the employers organization to press its members to allow employees to unionize. Several sophisticated electronics enterprises such as Elscint and Elbit have concluded personal agreements with their staff and Kassar told his counterpart in the Coordinating Bureau, Uzi Netanel, not to be neutral on this issue.

The struggle against personal agreements will involve "unusual measures," the trade union leader warned.

Libyans are blamed for blasts in London

LONDON (AP). — Scotland Yard blamed Libyans yesterday for a pre-dawn London bomb blitz that ripped through a night club frequented by Arabs, injuring 23 people, and damaged a store selling Arab newspapers.

Four other bombs went off outside Arab newspaper shops.

The head of the Yard's anti-terrorist branch, Commander William Huckleby, told a news conference that three Libyans who left the night club shortly before the blast were being sought for questioning.

Huckleby said police "are assuming" the blasts were aimed at opponents of Libyan leader Col. Muammar Gaddafi.

He warned Libyans in London, both pro- and anti-Gaddafi, and other members of London's large Islamic community to beware of further attacks.

Police said a total of five bombs, each consisting of a kilogram of explosives tied to a timer, were

planted but that only two went off without warning. The others were detonated by authorities under controlled conditions and did no damage, a Yard spokesman said.

Only four of the 23 injured remained hospitalized last night. Walid Rifai, 22, was reported in satisfactory condition with extensive leg burns, and Asam el-Shahar, 35, and Sabah Montaser, 29, were undergoing surgery for undisclosed injuries. An unidentified woman was reported in satisfactory condition.

The first of the bombs exploded outside a newspaper shop on Queensway, a shopping street frequented by Arabs in London's Bayswater district.

Not long after, at around 4:15 a.m., a bomb went off in the basement of the Blue Angel night club in Mayfair, about a kilometre away.

Later in the morning, police detonated three other devices — another on Queensway and two outside a newspaper shop in Kensington.

Situation worsens at struck hospitals

By D'VORA BEN SHAUL
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Conditions worsened in government hospitals over the weekend as nurses, housekeeping personnel, kitchen and laundry staff and administrative workers entered their fifth day of an open-ended strike.

On Friday morning government laboratory personnel and central warehouse workers joined the strike, stopping access to medicines and equipment and allowing only "absolutely essential" laboratory procedures to be carried out, such as blood-transfusion typing.

Officials of the Civil Service Commission and Health Ministry Director-General Baruch Modan are to meet tonight with the union strike committee to try to settle the dispute before tomorrow morning, when the union threatens to stop honouring the back-to-work orders issued to 4,000 of the 13,000 strikers last Wednesday.

Among points to be discussed at the meeting are the workers' demands for two years' retroactive pay increments (originally promised to bring their salaries into line with those paid in the Histadrut's Kupat Holim hospitals) and the implementation of a 1972 decision to appoint a commission to study the gap between working conditions of government nurses and those in Kupat Holim hospitals.

At some hospitals, infant nurseries ran out of linen and besieged administrators were per-

mitting the emergency purchase of disposable diapers. Laundry, unwashed since last Wednesday, clogged the chutes and baskets and most hospitals said they were almost out of fresh sheets.

Sterile equipment, medicines and disposable supplies are nearly used up, and some head nurses said that they might soon be out of important drugs and other supplies.

In at least two government hospitals, some 25 per cent of the patients were discharged because of the strike. Dr. Elitzur Hazani of the government hospital in Nahariya told an Itim reporter that the emergency staff cannot cope with the number of patients and that he hopes to release more today.

But at Sheba Hospital in Tel Hashomer the ambulatory patients seemed more like picnicers, as they clustered in wards and on the lawn with their families and friends, who came well-supplied with food and beverages. Even the bed-ridden patients said the nurses at Sheba have done all they can to see that they suffer as little as possible.

Bella Saffrin, chairman of the Government Nurses Union, said that the nurses in particular are hoping that the strike will end soon. She said that far more nurses than were served with back-to-work orders are on the job and that they are doing all they can to take care of the patients, even without the necessary back-up services.



Petah Tikva Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi Baruch Salomon leaves the town's police station yesterday a few hours after his arrest for allegedly taking part in a violent attack on a coffee house that was operating on the Sabbath. (IPPA)

Petah Tikva's rabbi held after cafe riot in Shabbat protest

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

PETAH TIKVA. — This town's Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi, Baruch Salomon, was arrested yesterday morning for allegedly leading a mob of hundreds of religious men who invaded and seriously damaged a cafe which was open on the Sabbath. He was released in the afternoon, after promising to return after Shabbat.

He returned to the police station last night, carried on the shoulders of masses of his followers, who continued to demonstrate while the rabbi was questioned inside about the incident.

Salomon was released at about 10 p.m., and the crowd of his supporters dispersed shortly afterwards. Briefing reporters Sharon area police commander Nit-zav Mishne Kalman Bornstein said that the rabbi had been arrested on suspicion of trespassing and causing damage. The investigation will continue, he added, and if evidence is found against him, Salomon will be charged.

Bornstein said the rabbi was arrested following a complaint by the owner of the cafe, who identified him as one of the attackers. The officer said that reports of injuries to two religious participants in the incident are being looked into.

The escalation in violence marked the third round of Petah Tikva's "Sabbath war," in which religious and secular residents, and their militant supporters from other communities, have squared off over the opening of a cinema and other businesses in the town following the adoption by the city council of a by-law permitting such activities on Friday evenings and Saturdays.

According to eyewitnesses, Salomon led hundreds of ultra-Orthodox people into cafe Gan Eden on Petah Tikva's Rehov Gutman to protest its operating on the Sabbath. The demonstrators spilled drinks on customers sitting at the cafe, broke its windows and tore doors out of their frames.

On Saturday morning, hundreds of ultra-Orthodox demonstrated against Sabbath desecration outside city hall, blocking entrance to the "Shabbatarium" talk programme being held inside. Knesset Member Yossi Sarid, who was to be interviewed, had to be smuggled in through the back door. Eventually, police arrived and pushed the

Soviet deputy premier in Damascus

Moscow bidding for greater Mideast role

DAMASCUS. — First Deputy Premier of the Soviet Union Gaidar Aliyev arrived here yesterday in the first visit by a senior Soviet official in 10 years.

Western diplomats have said that Aliyev's trip, postponed last month after the death of Yuri Andropov, shows that Moscow aims to step up its involvement in the region.

An official Soviet source said, when the trip was first announced in February, that Aliyev "is going to work out some measures, including military ones, to restore peace in the region."

Although Syrian President Hafez Assad has frequently visited the Soviet Union in the past decade, Aliyev's trip is the first by a Politburo member since Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko came here in 1974.

Syria is Moscow's chief Middle East ally and a major recipient of Soviet military aid. Since Israel invaded Lebanon in 1982 and destroyed most Soviet-built Syrian weapons there, the Kremlin has fully re-equipped the Syrian forces.

Western intelligence sources estimate there are some 5,000 Soviet personnel in Syria assigned to man key missile installations.

Western analysts in Moscow said Aliyev's trip would probably include an all-round review of Middle East problems, including the Gulf war that has flared anew between Iran and Iraq.

On Thursday, the Soviets issued an official statement through the Tass news agency condemning U.S. moves to keep shipping and air traf-

fic flowing in the Gulf area despite the fighting between the Iraqis and Iranians.

Another topic likely to be on the agenda is the Palestine Liberation Organization, which has been rent by struggles pitting two Moscow allies — Syria and PLO leader Yasser Arafat — against one another.

The situation in Lebanon is expected to dominate Aliyev's talks, however.

Aliyev was greeted on arrival here by Foreign Minister Abdul-Halim Khaddam, who used the occasion to call on Cairo to abrogate its treaty with Israel.

He said that Egypt should "imitate the small country that is Lebanon" and cancel the treaty. "I am sure if they do, the entire Arab nation will stand with them," Khaddam said. (AP, Reuters)



Gaidar Aliyev. (UPI)

Fighting intensifies in Beirut

Lebanon heads arriving in Lausanne for talks

LAUSANNE. — Lebanon's eight most powerful Christian and Muslim leaders are to sit together in the tranquility of this Swiss city tomorrow in yet another attempt to end the Lebanese civil war.

Lebanon's National Reconciliation Conference will open at 10 a.m. at the heavily-guarded, 123-year-old Beau Rivage Hotel overlooking Lake Geneva.

In Beirut, meanwhile, 14 people, including four Lebanese Army soldiers, were killed in intensified fighting yesterday, and dozens were wounded, police reported. Shells continued to fall in widespread areas of both West and East Beirut after nightfall, and police sources said that some landed in Ba'abda, the hilly area east of the capital where the Lebanese presidential palace is located.

Seven participants arrived in Geneva yesterday and officials expected all eight to be in Lausanne by tonight.

Lebanese President Amin Jemayel will inaugurate the conference with a speech, Lebanese officials said. The conferees then will begin their crucial discussions over political and constitutional reforms they view necessary for building a "new Lebanon" in which Muslims and Christians have an equal share of power.

The Syrian-backed Lebanese opposition, spearheaded by Druse leader Walid Jumblatt and Shi'ite Muslim leader Nabih Berri, have prepared a joint plan for political and constitutional reforms to discuss at the conference. It calls for administrative decentralization, shortening the term for presidency to three years instead of six and the creation of a senate that would elect

future presidents in a joint session with the country's current 99-seat parliament.

Christian leaders — Pierre Jemayel, founder and leader of the largest right-wing group, the Phalange party, and former president Camille Chamoun, leader of the Lebanese Front coalition of Christian groupings — advocate a federal system in Lebanon.

The two, who arrived in Geneva yesterday, have repeatedly said they would refuse suggestions for the creation of a senate and other constitutional reforms until Syrian and Israeli forces, which occupy about two-thirds of Lebanon, withdraw.

Chamoun and Jemayel, who arrived on the same plane with former prime minister Saeb Salem, a moderate Sunni Muslim, and Abdel Ousseiran, a moderate Shi'ite Muslim, say sensitive internal issues cannot be discussed "under the threat of guns."

There has been no suggestion of changing the tradition in Lebanon, under which presidents are elected from the Maronite Catholic community, prime ministers from the Sunni Muslim and parliament speakers from the Shi'ite Muslim sects.

Upon his arrival in Geneva, Pierre Jemayel said he hoped that "the results this time will be better than last time." He was referring to last December, when the conference's first meeting broke off after the parties involved disagreed over the fate of Lebanon's May 17, 1983 troop withdrawal agreement with Israel.

Last week, the Lebanese president scrapped the accord to persuade his Syrian-backed opposition

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Police ready for citrus protesters

By YITZHAK OKED
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TEL AVIV. — Police in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv say they will have extra forces on the streets this morning to handle a planned motorized demonstration by people in the citrus industry. Police say they will arrest anyone who tries to interfere with the flow of traffic.

The citrus industry is protesting the government's failure to compensate them for recent losses on exports.

In addition to the farmers, the demonstrators will include citrus pickers, packing-house workers, port workers and truckers. More than 3,000 people are expected to travel in 50 to 60 buses to Jerusalem to demonstrate outside the Prime Minister's office, the Agriculture Ministry and the Finance Ministry. About 50 to 60 citrus-loaded trucks will pass through Tel Aviv. Here, too, the organizers have not disclosed the time or route, but *The Jerusalem Post* has been told by police that the trucks have been granted two hours to demonstrate, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Hadera paper storage lot still burning after 2 days

HADERA (Itim). — A new blaze sprang up last night at the Amnir paper recycling warehouse here, creating further problems for firefighters who have been struggling since Friday morning to contain the wind-swept fire at the plant.

An estimated 8,000 tons of waste paper spread over 20 dunams had burned by last night, with the fire spreading through lower levels of the paper despite jets of water aimed at the massive piles from 25 fire trucks.

Hadera fire station commander Ya'acov Marimshik, at the site since Friday morning, said last night that if the strong winds which accompanied the fire continue, it could burn for two more weeks, unless the paper bundles are separated and taken apart.

Three of the 50 firefighters on

duty at the blaze required treatment for their eyes, which were affected by the smoke. They were taken to Hillel Yaffe Hospital in Hadera and then returned to duty.

Amnir is a subsidiary of the American-Israel Paper Company in Hadera, and is responsible for collecting and storing used paper from throughout the country for recycling. Manager Uri Sapir estimated the damage by last night at millions of shekels. He predicted a paper shortage in the country as a result of the fire.

Beginning this morning, Amnir employees will undertake to separate every bundle of paper and make sure it is not burning.

Hadera firefighters are investigating to determine the cause of the blaze, and Amnir will set up a similar committee.

Aguda threatens walkout over arrest of rabbi

Agudat Yisrael leaders last night threatened to leave the coalition over yesterday's Petah Tikva incident.

Meeting before Salomon was released from questioning last night, the party's four MKs warned that they could not support a government under which a rabbi is ar-

rested in his city on the Sabbath. MK Shlomo Lorincz said that the Petah Tikva police should be reprimanded for not waiting until nightfall, but he also voiced criticism of the Labour Party, calling it responsible for the ferment over Sabbath observance in the town.

KGB officer said to be in control of UN information arm

Special to The Jerusalem Post

WASHINGTON. — The UN's public relations arm is being effectively run by an officer of the Soviet KGB, a UN expert has charged in a report published by the Heritage Foundation, a conservative Washington think-tank.

Roger Brooks, the research institute's Roe Fellow in UN Studies, also claims in his report that the UN Department of Public Information (DPI) is being used to coordinate lobbying efforts aimed at the U.S. Congress, in probable violation of

American law. Moreover, Brooks says, since the U.S. provides one-fourth of all funds for the DPI, American taxpayers are in fact financing this KGB-directed lobbying effort.

The DPI is nominally headed by Yasushi Akashi, former Japanese ambassador to the UN and currently undersecretary-general for public information. However, Brooks claims, Akashi has little influence over the activities in his department. Instead, he says, the agency is being run by Akashi's deputy, Anatoly Mkrichyan, an officer in

the Soviet spy agency. According to Brooks, Akashi admits to having had "sleepless nights" over some of the activities of his department, noting wryly, "You'll be surprised how little power I have."

Citing the testimony of Arkady Shevchenko, a KGB officer and UN undersecretary-general until his defection to the U.S. in 1978, Brooks claims the DPI plays a crucial role in the Soviet Union's disinformation campaign at the UN. Shevchenko claims that Mkrichyan, head of the DPI's External Rela-

tions Division, coordinates the Soviet efforts. According to Shevchenko, Mkrichyan is a KGB colonel, and has "mobilized" the entire DPI to serve Soviet policy goals. Among these Soviet goals, the Heritage Foundation fellow says, is lobbying Congress.

"One of the most serious deviations by DPI from its mandate has been its encouragement of national and international NGOs (non-governmental organizations) granted recognition by the UN) to lobby the

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Jerusalem keeping close eye on Syrian power struggle

IDF to continue planning pullback

By DAVID LANDAU
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Israel's planning of its redeployment in South Lebanon will not be affected by the ongoing power struggle inside Syria, senior officials have assured *The Jerusalem Post*. While the situation in Damascus is fluid, and Jerusalem is watching it carefully, the Israel Defence Forces is completing its plans for a new line in Lebanon and will submit them to the cabinet shortly.

The officials said the issue is not on today's cabinet agenda. The intention, they said, is not to make "hasty" decisions. But the redeployment is certainly a matter of priority and the cabinet will address itself to it as soon as the army is ready.

One key element in the decision-making will be a possible role for the UN. The permanent

undersecretary-general of the UN, Brian Urquhart, will be in the Middle East this week for talks with government leaders on how the UN can contribute to a Lebanese solution.

Regarding the situation in Syria, officials here were hesitant at the weekend to offer a firm analysis because the behind-the-scenes battles for power are still under way. It appeared though, some officials said, that President Hafez Assad's brother Rifaat, now named one of the three vice-presidents, had succeeded in strengthening his position at the expense of other rivals.

The Israeli officials saw the continuing struggle as a jockeying for position in the succession stakes in Syria. The feeling there seems to be that Assad's long rule may be drawing to an end in view of his declining health.

What is not clear is whether Assad himself feels this to be the case, and also whether he supports his highly unpopular brother, Rifaat, as his successor-designate. Rifaat Assad's standing among the prominent Alawite families is also still to be tested — as is the minority Alawites' ability to retain power if the president is indeed weakening.

Israeli observers believe Syria will act cautiously in Lebanon so long as there is uncertainty over the leadership in Damascus.

Urquhart will visit Jerusalem and Damascus, as well as other capitals in the region, to examine the prospects of revamping Unifil or otherwise designing a meaningful UN contribution to the peace-keeping in Lebanon. He will be in Jerusalem this week for informal talks, will then tour other capitals, (Continued on back page)

The weather at major Swissair destinations

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Destination	MIN	MAX	Weather
AMSTERDAM	-1	30	Cloudy
BRUSSELS	-3	27	Cloudy
BURDUS AIRS	20	86	Cloudy
CHICAGO	-15	5	Snow
COPENHAGEN	-3	37	Snow
FRANKFURT	-9	51	Cloudy
GENEVA	-4	25	Cloudy
HELSINKI	-4	25	Cloudy
HONG KONG	14	57	Cloudy
JOHANNESBURG	13	55	Clear
LONDON	4	39	Cloudy
MADRID	0	32	Cloudy
MONTREAL	-23	-9	Cloudy
NEW YORK	-18	0	Cloudy
OSLO	-3	27	Cloudy
PARIS	-2	28	Cloudy
RIO DE JANEIRO	22	72	Cloudy
SAO PAULO	19	66	Cloudy
STOCKHOLM	-2	28	Cloudy
TOKYO	2	36	Cloudy
TORONTO	-15	5	Cloudy
VIRGINIA	1	34	Cloudy
ZURICH	0	32	Cloudy

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THE WEATHER

Forecast: Partly cloudy, possibility of rain in the North.

Location	Yesterday's Humidity	Yesterday's Min-Max	Today's Min-Max
Jerusalem	40	10-15	13
Golan	40	11-16	15
Nahariya	40	11-16	18
Salad	40	11-16	13
Haifa Port	63	16-19	19
Tiberias	55	18-23	21
Nazareth	44	11-18	18
Afula	54	16-20	20
Shomron	48	12-17	17
Tel Aviv	54	16-19	19
B-G Airport	53	12-20	20
Jericho	34	20-26	24
Gaza	66	16-19	19
Beersheba	44	14-22	22
Eilat	34	18-22	26

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

The Ya'al bazaar will be held at the Kennedy Building, Hadassah Hospital, Ein Kerem, from 2 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. today.

Big freeze in U.S.

NEW YORK (AP). — Record-setting cold hit the central and northeastern sections of the U.S. yesterday following a fierce late-winter storm that was blamed for at least 17 deaths.

A band of snowshowers spread from Michigan in the midwest to Arkansas 1,000 kilometres to the south, but sunny skies returned to the northeast, hard-hit by the storm that ended Friday.

The storm, packing strong winds, dumped up to 25 centimetres of snow on the northeast, closing airports in New York City and delaying hundreds of thousands of commuters.

The early morning 21 centigrade below zero reading yesterday broke a record in Waterloo, Iowa, and it was 20 below in Lincoln, Nebraska. Other records were set in Buffalo, New York, and Cleveland, Ohio, each at 13 below.

During Thursday's snowstorm, two jetliners passed dangerously close to a high-rise building about three kilometres from the White House while approaching Washington's National Airport, a top federal safety official said.

Marine killed in Haifa car crash

Jerusalem Post Reporter
HAIFA. — An American marine was killed and another injured when the car they were travelling in crashed into a wall in the upper Hader quarter of this city on Friday night, the police announced.

The dead man was identified as Tod Hailstrom, 21, and the injured man, who has been hospitalized, is Brian Gable, also 21.

Three other marines in the rented car, including the driver, Rig Shields, 21, were unhurt.

The five were on shore leave from the helicopter-carrier assault ship Guam. It arrived in the port on Thursday with 700 marines on board for four days of rest and recreation, after serving in Beirut and Grenada.

The Haifa police spokesman said the driver was negotiating a sharp left-hand bend when he apparently lost control of the vehicle.

Welcome Back to Israel

Rabbi and Mrs. Max Gelb, of White Plains, New York, Asher and Lilian Wien, of Wien Gallery, Rabbi James Lebeau, Head of a 20-member party from Chelmsford, Mass.

From the Capt. Yehiel and Ruth Glovsky Langer Hospitality Foundation, One Mapu St., Jerusalem

Congratulations to Yossif Shahim, aged 24, of Nazareth, and Gideon Shafir, aged 25, of Tel Aviv,

both 5th year students at the Hadassah-Hebrew University Medical School on being awarded the prestigious annual scholarship, given by the Dr. Joseph R. and Anna R. Glovsky Acts of Loving Kindness Foundation, of Hull, Mass. and Jerusalem. This year's scholarships are given in honour of Dr. Mayer and Esther Bassan of Jerusalem, and in memory of Dr. Bassan's mother, Sylvia Bassan, a pioneer leader of the Hadassah Movement in Los Angeles, who died recently at the age of 79, and in honour of Dr. Saul Feldman, Hadassah Medical Centre, Dr. Ben-Zion Illovitz and Dr. Martin Kizilestein, of Tel Hai Hospital.

From the Capt. Yehiel and Ruth Glovsky Langer Hospitality Foundation, One Mapu St., Jerusalem.

HOME AND WORLD NEWS

Disabled veteran threatens suicide at Knesset

A disabled Israel Defence Forces veteran, distraught over what he claims to be disregard for his condition by rehabilitation officials, on Thursday drove his car into a high-security entrance area of the Knesset and threatened to kill himself with a pocket knife.

After a tense hour-and-a-half while he sat in his locked car surrounded by Knesset guards and policemen, he gave himself up.

The man, Yossi Kakon, 25, of Beit Shemesh, was severely injured in a road accident near Palmahim in 1979, while serving in the IDF. He was discharged with a 55 per cent disability, said Kakon, and despite a series of operations, he has neither fully recovered nor been able to find work.

"I live on the third floor and have to climb about 30 steps every day," said Kakon. "I asked the Defence Ministry to transfer my right to a flat from Beit Shemesh to Jerusalem and to find me a home on the ground floor so that I can function."

Two weeks ago Kakon set up a tent opposite the Defence Ministry's rehabilitation office in Jerusalem's German Colony to press his demands. He brought with him his wife, Ruti, 21, his daughter, Miri, 2½, and his three-month-old son, Roni.

On Thursday, saying he was overcome by depression, Kakon took his infant son into the rehabilitation office and threatened to jump out the window with the baby in his arms. The office workers dissuaded him, he said. "Then I got the idea that the only answer would be to get to the Knesset. I planned to crash into the main gate and thus arouse public opinion."

Kakon drove to the Knesset in his Ford Sierra on Thursday afternoon. "I

got closer and I saw that the gate was open, apparently to let another car out. The guard signalled me with his hands, asking where I was going. I waved my disablement identification card and pointed towards the Knesset."

Kakon drove past the guard, through the VIP parking lot and came to a stop at the underground entrance used by ministers and Knesset members. There was little activity there, however, since the Knesset does not sit on Thursdays.

Kakon's car was immediately surrounded by security personnel, who tried for some 90 minutes to dissuade him from his threat to kill himself with a pocket knife. At one point, Kakon slashed some of his car's upholstery and threatened to set it alight.

At another point during the incident, Kakon blacked out for several minutes, apparently due to the tension. After police officers promised to bring his wife and to deal with his request for better treatment, Kakon agreed to drive his car out.

Once outside the VIP gate, Kakon's car was stopped by a police road-block and he surrendered. Officers searched his car for weapons and then arrested him. He was taken to police headquarters, booked for trespassing and released on bail.

Kakon immediately drove back to his tent opposite the rehabilitation office, where he announced that he would remain until his demands are met. (Iim)



A Tel Aviv crowd enjoys some street theatre on Dizengoff Street yesterday.

(Andre Brutman)

Sandstorm causes diversion of two flights

Jerusalem Post Staff and AP
TEL AVIV. — A severe sandstorm and limited visibility forced the diversion of two international flights to alternative airports on Friday, Ben-Gurion Airport officials said.

An Alitalia flight from Rome landed at Larnaca, Cyprus, and a Swissair flight from Zurich landed at the Uvda airfield, near Eilat.

Cairo International Airport, which had been closed due to the sandstorm, reopened early Saturday, but Alexandria harbour remained closed.

Winds laden with sand from the western desert swept across a wide area of the Nile River delta on Friday, reducing visibility in many areas to a few metres and covering streets and buildings with thick coatings of fine, orange sand.

Police blamed poor visibility caused by the sandstorms for an accident in which a mini-bus crashed into a truck 12 kilometres west of Suez, killing 10 people and injuring four.

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Police eyed 4 JDL suspects for year before their arrest

By ROBERT ROSENBERG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

For more than a year the police had kept track of the four suspects in last Sunday's bus shooting near Ramallah, but only in December was that surveillance beefed up to the extent that, within hours of the attack, the four were under arrest as suspects.

Publication of the suspects' identities has been banned by the court. Two of the suspects arrived in the country from New York about six months ago. According to Jewish Defence League sources, they had studied weapons and explosives handling at one of the JDL's summer camps.

According to official sources, members of the group were under observation ever since they threatened to kill themselves in a Yarmit bunker in April 1982, if Yarmit was returned to Egypt.

However, the sources added, such police surveillance was "perfunctory."

Two grenades tossed at IDF convoy in Lebanon

NABATIYA (Iim). — Two hand grenades were thrown on Friday afternoon at an Israel Defence Forces convoy at the outskirts of this town in Southern Lebanon.

There were no casualties, IDF units fired at the attackers and searched the area.

French minister here

French Industry and Research Minister Laurent Fabius arrived last night for a three-day stay here. He was met at Ben-Gurion Airport by Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orlag.

The guest will also meet with his counterpart Industry and Trade Minister Gideon Patt, expected home from Egypt this afternoon, with Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir and with Science and Development Minister Yuval Ne'eman. (Iim)

Labour, Ghali deny report Egypt agreed to IDF strike

Jerusalem Post Staff

Both the Israel Labour Party and a senior Egyptian official have denied a report in Friday's *Jerusalem Post* that Egypt gave tacit approval to a limited Israel Defence Forces strike against the PLO in Southern Lebanon before the operation began in June 1982.

"This is not true," Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Butros Ghali on Friday told the associated Press in Cairo, referring to remarks attributed to him in that day's *Post*.

"I never said anything smacking of tacit approval," Ghali said. He said *The Post* correspondent "distorted my remarks, and I don't know whether this was done in good faith or bad faith."

The subject was not even raised by either side, said party spokesman Yossi Beilin, in response to the version of the talks attributed to Ghali, who was part of the National Democratic Party delegation to Israel in May-June 1982.

Planned U.S. sales of Stingers face battle in Congress

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — The Reagan administration's proposed sales of 1,613 Stinger anti-aircraft missiles to Jordan and another 1,200 to Saudi Arabia are facing tough challenges from powerful pro-Israeli members of Congress.

Most observers here still believe the deals will eventually be approved, but probably only after another prolonged battle between the administration and Congress.

Such a fight, U.S. and Israeli officials agreed, was bound to strain American-Israeli ties.

Imports down 11% since late 1983

Post Economic Reporter

Imports during the first two months of this year were 11 per cent lower than the monthly average in the last quarter of 1983, according to figures released on Friday by the Central Bureau of Statistics.

Goods totalling \$643 million were imported in February, compared to \$602 m. worth of goods imported in February 1983.

Fuel imports dropped by 9 per cent in the first two months of this year, compared to January-February 1983, due to a significant decline in January. Increased fuel

imports in February were instrumental in causing a 7 per cent increase in total merchandise imports over February 1983.

Some 35 per cent fewer durable goods were purchased abroad during the first two months of this year, compared to the same period last year. Private car imports dropped by 57 per cent.

Diamond imports increased by 21 per cent in January-February 1984, compared to the same period last year, totalling \$112m. Imports of other production inputs increased by some 8 per cent.

Arafat sees Chinese leader in Amman

AMMAN (AP). — Palestine Liberation Organization chairman Yasser Arafat met King Hussein yesterday as part of the renewed dialogue between the PLO and the Hashemite kingdom, official sources reported.

Earlier in the day Arafat held talks on the Middle East and the Palestine issue with Chinese President Li Xianmin, who is on an official visit to Jordan.

Li arrived in the Jordanian capital last Thursday from Pakistan. He held talks on Friday with Hussein and other Jordanian officials.

Seven killed, 56 badly hurt on roads

Seven persons were killed and 56 were seriously injured in 40 traffic accidents during the past week, a police spokesman announced.

Among those killed were two pedestrians, one of them a child. Among those seriously injured were 38 pedestrians, 14 of them children.

The main causes cited for the accidents were careless pedestrian behaviour, not yielding the right of way and reckless lane-changing.

Yesterday morning near Rehovot two persons were killed and three seriously injured when one car ran out of control, left the road, then came back onto the road and collided head-on with a second car.

One of those killed was Hava Levy, 30, of Bat Yam, who was nine months pregnant. The name of the other fatality has not been released.

Near Eilat late Thursday night, a speeding van carrying six people overturned on a curve near the port, killing an 18-year-old woman and seriously injuring the five other passengers. (Iim)



Histadrut Trade Union Department head Israel Kessar (right), Uzi Natanel (centre) and Avi Pelosoff, both of the Coordinating Bureau of Economic Organizations, sign the wage-erosion agreement on Friday. (Israel Sun)

Patt attends Cairo trade fair, will meet Egyptian ministers

CAIRO (AP). — Israel's Trade Minister Gideon Patt is scheduled to meet here today with Egyptian Foreign Minister Kamal Hassan Ali and Economy Minister Mustafa Sa'id on relations between Israel and Egypt.

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Israeli Arab leaders call for coexistence, dialogue Moderate tone in Land Day plans

By YOEL DAR
Special to the Jerusalem Post

SHFARAM — Israeli Arabs will mark the eighth anniversary of Land Day on March 30th under the slogan of "Co-existence, fraternity, dialogue between Jews and Arabs, based on granting equal rights to the Arab population."

The words were adopted during a special gathering of the national committee of chairmen of Arab local councils in Shfaram over the weekend. It was the same body which originally called for a general strike of Israeli Arabs on March 30, 1976, to protest against a government plan to expropriate thousands of dunams of land belonging to Arab villagers.

The government sent police and army units into some villages to

break the strike, and in the ensuing clashes, six Arabs were killed, dozens wounded and many arrested.

This year's moderate resolution was aimed at focusing public attention on Israeli Arabs' domestic problems and winning the sympathy of many organizations and parties. The Arab leaders specifically called on Peace Now to take part in three regional rallies which are due to be held on March 30th.

Many Israeli Arab leaders are now convinced that previous years' strikes and demonstrations at which Palestinian flags were sometimes hoisted, leading to clashes with security forces, harmed their cause.

Some participants at yesterday's meeting were also apparently afraid that extreme slogans would increase the danger of confrontation

between their followers and Mena, a Jewish organization which objects to Arabs living in Upper Nazareth. The meeting also condemned Mena's plan to march through Arab Nazareth on Land Day and to burn the Palestinian flag. "Such a move would inevitably lead to violent clashes with Arab residents," it warned.

Officials in the North did not conceal their satisfaction with the decision of the Arab local leaders.

Meanwhile the progressive movement in Nazareth called for changing the character of Land Day. A statement by the movement which broke away from the Communist-dominated Democratic Front two years ago, called for taking advantage of the occasion to strengthen ties between Arab farmers and the land.

David Levy: IDF will redeploy in Lebanon

By LEA LEVAVI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Israel Defence Forces will soon be redeployed in Lebanon to achieve maximum security with minimum presence, Deputy Prime Minister David Levy said on Israel Radio yesterday.

He would not say when the cabinet would make the decision. "The general staff will of course have to advise us on how this redeployment should be done," he said. "And those elements closest to us in Lebanon will need to take on some of what the IDF is now doing, since it is, after all, in their own interests."

Asked why Israel does not enter into talks with Lebanon on security arrangements to replace the agree-

ment Lebanon abrogated, Levy said media reports have been exaggerated and have created a false impression that the Lebanese have made concrete proposals in the spirit of the former agreement.

"If we met with them only to hear officially that the agreement is null and void, we would not only be wasting our time, but we would also be legitimizing their nullification of the agreement," he said.

Asked about possible negotiations with Syria, he said such a question might lead someone to think that Syria wants to negotiate and that Israel either refuses or has set unacceptable conditions. "Syria's radical position is well known. They do not want to negotiate with us."

"Our job is to give our army enough room to maneuver, enough

deterrent power and the element of surprise. Let the Syrians sink deeper and deeper in Lebanon and pay the price," said Levy.

Asked if his criticisms of U.S. policy in Lebanon agree with those of his colleague, Minister without Portfolio Ariel Sharon, he said everyone has his own style and his own opinion. "If the U.S. complains that we don't coordinate with them, and then does things without coordinating with us, they are hurting their own position first and foremost," Levy said.

He added that the U.S. knows Israel's position on the PLO, on negotiations with Jordan and regarding Judea and Samaria. Between friends the right to disagree is a natural part of the relationship, said Levy.

I'm a candidate for premier—Sharon

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Minister without Portfolio Ariel Sharon sees himself as a candidate for the premiership if it falls vacant. In answer to a question on Israel TV on Friday night, Sharon said he felt that he had important contributions to make on many issues.

He complained that the Shamir government is not a continuation of the Begin government when it comes to key issues such as settlement in Judea and Samaria or the fight against terrorism. "It is no coincidence that new settlements are not being built now. You will notice the Americans have stopped talking about wanting us to stop the settlements," Sharon told the TV interviewer.

Navon to leave for Latin America, U.S.

Jerusalem Post Staff

Former president Yitzhak Navon is to leave today on a one-month visit to Argentina, Uruguay and the U.S.

Navon will visit Argentina as the guest of the local Jewish community on the occasion of the 30th anniversary of the founding of its roof organization. In addition to public appearances before various Jewish organizations, Navon will meet with Argentine President Raul Alfonsin and other government officials.

In Uruguay, Navon will appear before Zionist and other Jewish organizations and meet with government leaders.

In the U.S., Navon will appear at meetings and events organized by the United Jewish Appeal, Israel Bonds and educational institutions. He will also lecture at several universities. His U.S. trip will include Miami, Los Angeles, Seattle and New York.

Haifa fisherman drowns

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA — A 65-year-old fisherman drowned yesterday morning when a wave washed him from a pier into the sea off Bat Galim, the police said.

Amos Gueta, a resident of the Bat Galim quarter, drowned while a friend tried unsuccessfully to reach him.

Stone tablet from Germany to be installed in synagogue

One half of the stone "tablets of the law" which once adorned a German synagogue destroyed by the Nazis has been brought to Israel and will be installed on Wednesday in a Tel Aviv synagogue.

The marble stone, from the synagogue in Leer which was burned down on Kristallnacht in 1938, bears the words "I am," "There shall be," "Thou shalt not make," "Remember," and "Honour," the first words of the first five commandments.

The stone was rediscovered about a year ago, when a German woman told her minister a secret she had heard from her husband on his deathbed. On the night of the synagogue's destruction, he had taken the tablet and placed it in the garden of his house, where it served as a step. The minister went to the woman's home, dug up the stone and took it to his home.

Some time later, a delegation of 60 former Jewish residents of Leer and other northwest German towns was visiting the region, guests of the Society for Cooperation between Christians and Jews. The minister invited one of the guests, Yehiel Hirschberg, who had witnessed the synagogue's burning at age 12, to his home and showed him the tablet.

Wednesday's ceremony will be attended by the Leer minister, the mayors of Leer and Emden, German Ambassador Niels Hansen, Tel Aviv Mayor Shlomo Lahav and some 100 Israelis who are former residents of Leer and Emden. (Itim)

Two Anghelovici suspects claim 'we reburied her'

Jerusalem Post Staff

RISHON LEZION — The two men who last week confessed to having removed the body of Tereza Anghelovici from her grave in this town's Jewish cemetery, did not dump her body in the Ramle Moslem cemetery where it was found, according to an appeal against their 15-day detention order filed on Friday.

Rather, they buried the body with due respect, but it was exhumed by the cemetery's caretakers and dumped on the side, ultra-Orthodox leaders close to the suspects alleged.

The appeal, to be heard tomorrow in Tel Aviv District Court, notes that the two men admit to having carried out the deed, but did so in accordance with their religious conscience and in the wake of rabbinical ruling that the body of a non-Jew should be removed from a Jewish cemetery.

The two suspects, David Ehrenfeld and Meir Agassi, say they removed the remains of Tereza Anghelovici and reburied them in an honourable way. They even put a marker with her name on top of the grave.

The appeal notes that the 15-day

remand was granted to enable further investigation, but quoted a detective working on the case as having said on Thursday that the inquiry was complete. This, and their confession, make further detention unnecessary, the appeal says.

Michal Yudelman adds: At the Rishon Lezion cemetery where Anghelovici was reburied by the authorities last Tuesday, a new tombstone was placed at her grave on Friday by members of Mapam Youth.

It was the third marker to be placed at the site since the women's original burial there. The first, by the family, and the second, also by Mapam Youth, were removed by the Jewish burial society responsible for the cemetery after it found out that Anghelovici had not been converted to Judaism according to Orthodox practice.

Earlier on Friday, Anghelovici's daughter Adina Harpaz placed a small plaque with her mother's name on the grave. She refrained from replacing the tombstone because of a 10-month-old High Court of Justice injunction forbidding any tampering with or changing the gravesite until a final ruling in the matter.

DOLLS — Jerusalem artist Noemi Sarel will hold a special exhibit of her work, including a group of oriental dolls, at the Henny Handler Gallery in St. John's Wood, London, March 18 through March 28.



Rami Keich, a paraplegic wounded in the Lebanon war, greets his mare Heather on her arrival at Ben-Gurion Airport on Thursday night. The specially trained mare, purchased with funds from British donors, will enable Keich to continue riding. Heather was flown free of charge by El Al. (Katz)

Porat's exit 'harms Tehiya's secular-religious format'

By LEA LEVAVI

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Hanan Porat's decision to leave Tehiya and to return to the National Religious Party is a blow to the movement's efforts to bring religious and secular groups together on the basis of a shared ideology, Tehiya MK Gula Cohen said on a Kol Yisrael radio interview Friday evening.

"Hanan is behind us: when you get hit, the thing to do is pick yourself up and keep going," said Cohen. "The religious parties close all the windows and doors to anyone who is not religious, unless they decide to have a token non-religious person, the way Ashkenazi parties have a token Sephardi, and vice versa."

"Then, when religious zealots do things the secular community cannot accept, the secular parties pull out all the stops. What made us different was that we brought religious and secular elements together."

Cohen said Porat is too naive for what awaits him in the cruel

political world. "The religious parties act as if they have a blank cheque signed by God: the secular parties also have a blank cheque, only theirs is signed by a human being... Maybe the unity of the religious party will be bolstered by what Porat did, but the unity of the Jewish people will not."

Asked if she thinks Science Minister and Tehiya MK Yuval Ne'eman should resign from the Knesset and give his seat to one of the religious Tehiya members who has remained loyal to the party, she said there are dangers in such a step. Both Ne'eman himself and the party would have to consider it carefully, Cohen said.

She herself could not resign even if she wanted to do so, she said, because she represents the nationalist movement (ex-Herut members). Ne'eman represents ex-Labour Party members concerned about Eretz Yisrael Hashlema (the integral Land of Israel) and Porat had represented the religious element, said Cohen.

Unknown attackers fire again at Arab village

NAZARETH — Police are searching for the unknown attackers who fired three times in the past four weeks at houses in the Arab village of Umm al-Fahm in the Little Triangle, a police spokesman said on Friday.

The latest incident reportedly

took place before dawn on Friday, when several volleys from light weapons were fired. As in the two previous incidents, only slight property damage was reported. So far neither the identity of the perpetrators nor their motives are known.

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US government," he says. "Not only is this not authorized by the UN Charter, it very likely violates U.S. law — since one-quarter of DPI's budget is provided by U.S. taxpayers, (and) federal funds cannot be used to lobby."

Brooks notes that NGOs have been urged to lobby Congress on such issues as the Law of the Sea Treaty, and on other UN-sponsored wealth-transfer schemes.

With a budget of more than \$64 million during 1982-83, Brooks says, the DPI puts out a steady stream of publications, films, and other materials in support of groups like the South West African People's Organization and the PLO, both of which are supported by the Soviets. While focusing heavily on the evils of western nations and Israel, Brooks says, DPI publications never mention Soviet aggression, and have never commented on the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan.

Nothing characterizes DPI's Middle East coverage so much as its campaign against Israel.

The October, 1982 issue of UN Chronicle, an official DPI publication, for example, reported on Israel's operation in Lebanon. The Israeli forces are depicted in shrill pejorative terms, whereas action by the PLO was reported in studiously neutral terms.

In covering the UN debate on the Israeli operation, the UN Chronicle stated:

"A number of speakers compared

Israeli actions in Lebanon — where it was accused of carrying out a 'genocide' of Palestinian and Lebanese people — with the crimes of Nazi Germany." A picture of Damour, Lebanon, is captioned: "The town had 16,000 people in early June. A month later only 10 people remained in its ruins."

The town actually had been destroyed in 1976, when the PLO killed hundreds of its Christian inhabitants. This "error," which was never corrected, was distributed worldwide in the official DPI publication.

DPI has prepared or displayed anti-Israel poster and photographic exhibitions. One 1983 exhibit, shown at the UN in New York, was so starkly biased that the Secretariat agreed to remove it within hours of its installation at the request of Israeli Ambassador Yehuda Blum. Yet this and other exhibits continue to be distributed to UN Information Centres around the world.

Brooks says Congress should "demand that the UN cease all promotion and lobbying activities before Congress, and... stop all U.S. funding of DPI activities that promote the interests of the PLO and other terrorist groups."

If the DPI is unwilling to end these activities, and to offer a more balanced interpretation of world events, Brooks says, Congress should vote to withhold a portion of its annual contribution to the UN Secretariat in an amount equal to the U.S. share of the DPI budget.

Idled shipyards plan to cut employees and working hours

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA — The board of the government-owned Israel Shipyards has decided to dismiss 180 of its 850 workers and reduce working hours to 40 a week because of a lack of shipbuilding orders.

But the Haifa Labour Council has already rejected the cutbacks and insists that it will agree to discuss dismissals only after the management comes up with a "credible" plan to cure the yard's ills and revive it. "The council will not agree to have the burden placed only on the workers," spokesman Moshe Gutter said last night.

The board under its new chairman, former Navy OC Shlomo Erel, met on Thursday to discuss the situation, following months of idleness for many of the 850 workers. The slack is said to be

costing the government \$3 million a year.

In view of the lack of orders for merchant ships and the Israel Navy's completion of acquisition plans, the board saw no prospects for any substantial shipbuilding activities in the foreseeable future.

Negotiations with the Zim and Agrexco companies for the construction of two refrigerator ships for farm exports, which would cost \$50m. and keep the yard busy for two years, are bogged down, as the Treasury appears chary of coming up with the estimated \$10m. subsidy necessary to make the job competitive.

The board instructed the management to arrange for early retirement of about one-third of the men to be dismissed, but the labour council rejected any dismissals pending a revival programme.

Top-level Greek group to arrive today

A high-level delegation of public and political figures from Greece is due to arrive today to take part in the dedication of Hellenic House at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

Among the some 100-member delegation will be the former president of Greece, Prof. Constantine Tsatsos and the secretary-general of the Greek Ministry of Culture and Science, Constantine Alvanos. Hellenic House, which will be

dedicated on Wednesday, is the home of the Classics Department in the faculty of humanities on the university's Mount Scopus campus. The building is a gift of the Jewish community of Thessaloniki, with the agreement of the government of Greece, and is built in memory of the 65,000 Greek Jewish students slain by the Nazis in World War II.

Officials in Jerusalem see the visit as a sign of improving relations between the two countries.

Officials in North demand hospital funds

By DAVID RUDGE

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA — The heads of 10 local authorities, including Haifa, held an emergency meeting at the City Hall here Friday to protest against the Health Ministry's decision to stop funding the construction of Rothschild Hospital's west wing.

They cabled Health Minister Eliezer Shostak and demanded he intervene to rescind his ministry's decision. The telegram said the move would cause suffering for a large number of people in the North who use the hospital's services. They demanded that the ministry

reconsider its budget proposals to find a way of including the \$1.5 million it was expected to allocate for the project.

Meanwhile, the president of the American Society of the Friends of the Rothschild Hospital, Leon Angel, has flown in for an emergency meeting on the serious situation resulting from the ministry decision, including the staff's closure of the emergency ward. The society has already donated nearly \$2m. of the \$23m. dollars invested in the west wing, project since the work began 11 years ago. It had pledged to give a further \$1m. next year.

Eight remanded in Ashdod bus bombing

ASHDOD (Itim) — Eight Arab men arrested on suspicion of involvement in last Wednesday's bus bombing here were remanded on Friday for eight days by the local magistrates court. Three persons were killed in the explosion and nine wounded.

A police investigator told Judge Avraham Sasson that the eight are suspected of planting the booby-

trapped grenade in the bus. The eight men are also suspected of belonging both to a terrorist organization and a criminal gang, the investigator said.

Two other suspects are minors, whose remand was extended for seven days last Thursday. The names of all the suspects have been banned from publication.

Man indicted for trying to murder his sister

TEL AVIV (Itim) — A Taiba man on Friday was indicted in the district court for the attempted murder of his sister, apparently in an attempt to "protect the honour of the family name."

The charge sheet states that on February 7, Zaharan Sultan, 29, dragged his 17-year-old sister into a shed in the yard of the family's house, where he grabbed her by the neck and forced her to drink a solution of hydrochloric acid and pesticide, which he had prepared for that purpose.

Sultan allegedly kept her in the

shed and refused to allow family members to summon help. However, the family doctor arrived by coincidence to treat the siblings' mother, and he managed to save the sister. She was hospitalized in critical condition and sustained permanent injury to her throat and lungs.

The prosecutor asked the judge to order Sultan held until the end of his trial, out of concern he might again try to harm his sister. In answer to a motion by the defence, the judge agreed to decide on the matter next week.

Sign removals miff Jerusalem merchants

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Jerusalem municipality is cracking down on violators of the shop signs bylaw, and shopkeepers are up in arms.

According to Avraham Birnbaum, secretary of the Jerusalem Merchants Association, municipal inspectors are removing illegal — those without valid permits — signs in the middle of the night. The permits are granted at the discretion of a city inspector, who is empowered to withhold them if he deems a sign unattractive or obtrusive.

Although shopkeepers had been granted permits for their signs in recent years, the municipality is now

refusing to renew them, the merchants association charges.

Birnbaum contended that the municipality's sign crackdown is discriminatory since inspectors, he alleged, ignore the hundreds of unlicensed signs above retail shops in predominantly Arab East Jerusalem.

"Kolik says the purpose of removing commercial signs is to expose the beautiful and ornate arches of Jerusalem's old buildings," Birnbaum said. "Well, there are more beautiful arches on the Arab buildings along Salah e-Din and a-Zahara Streets in East Jerusalem than anywhere else in the city."

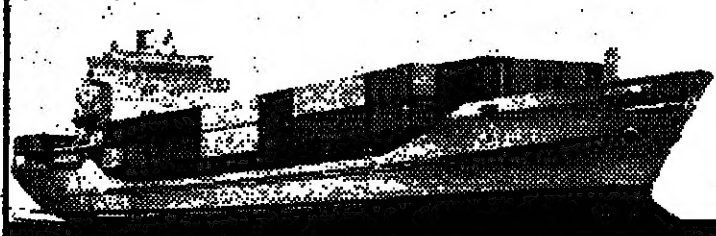
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WORLD NEWS

Doctor backs Iran's poison charge

VIENNA (AP). — Laboratory tests reveal "with certain proof" that Iranian soldiers fighting in the Gulf War have been attacked by chemical and biological weapons, a doctor treating Iranian soldiers said yesterday.

Dr. Herbert Mandl said in a radio interview that tests conducted by the Toxicological Institute in Ghent, Belgium, revealed that Iranian soldiers were exposed to mycotoxin, or "yellow rain," and mustard gas.

Iran, charging that Iraq was using chemical weapons in the 42-month-old Gulf War, sent 15 of its soldiers abroad last week for treatment of what it said were chemical burns.

Ten of the Iranian soldiers were sent to Vienna, where one died Tuesday and four are listed in critical condition. The remaining five were sent to Sweden where three of them have died, the last death coming early yesterday.

In Uppsala, Sweden, the most seriously wounded Iranian soldier being treated at the Akademiska University clinic for burns has died, the clinic said on Friday.

Attending physicians had suspected that acid burns of the skin and damage to the internal organs of the soldiers were due to exposure to poison gas, but did not want to commit themselves without scientific evidence.

Mandl said the laboratory tests confirm the suspicions. He said the toxins were identified by the institute in specimens of urine, feces, and blood taken from two wounded soldiers under treatment at Vienna's Second University Clinic.

He said in the radio interview that "no specific antidote is known" against these substances. "We have treated so far according to the symptoms and have to continue to do so," he said.

Mustard gas, which was used in World War I but has been banned since under the Geneva Protocols of 1925, causes "chemical burns" to the skin and damage to the internal organs, and blood, Mandl said. He said from experience gained in World War I "it is known that (mustard gas) poisonings of lesser extent, that is if the afflicted person came into contact with smaller quantities, can be survived."

But Mandl, who is not a toxicologist, said little is known about mycotoxins, which he described as "metabolic products of fungi." Mycotoxins, he said, "also cause damage to the human body, the difference from mustard gas being that they have a much more protracted effect."

Before the test results were known here, a spokesman for the

25 injured as bomb wrecks parked airliner in Chad

PARIS (AP). — An explosion ripped through the luggage compartment of a DC-8 passenger jet parked at the N'djamena, Chad, airport yesterday, injuring 25 people and triggering a fire that destroyed the aircraft, airline officials in Paris said.

The exact cause of the blast was not immediately known, but a French Foreign Ministry spokesman in Paris described it as a terrorist attack.

None of the injured was considered in serious condition. They included 12 passengers and 13 members of the flight and ground crews.

Officials of the private French UTA airline company said here the flight, with about 100 passengers aboard, was preparing to take off to continue its regular Brazzaville-Bangui-N'djamena-Paris route when the explosion occurred at 1 p.m.

The officials said the plane had been scheduled for takeoff at that time but had experienced a brief delay. They said it was possible that the explosion had been meant to occur as the plane was airborne.

The injured included Europeans and Africans.

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Sikhs fortify holy shrine, reports say

NEW DELHI (AP). — Sikh extremists have fortified a holy shrine in violence-torn Punjab state to meet an anticipated raid by police, news reports from the area said yesterday.

The protection measure was for the Golden Temple, the holiest Sikh shrine in Amritsar, seat of the Sikh religion 400 kilometres north of New Delhi.

Reports said sandbags and observation posts were put atop the 17th-century temple and the buildings in its compound. The shutters at one gate have been replaced with steel.

In addition, the reports added, powerful searchlights have been installed in the temple complex and Sikh militants residing in the shrine have posted round-the-clock patrols.

The government of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi has accused Sikh militants, led by Jarnail Singh Bhindranale, of harbouring criminals and stockpiling weapons in the sacred shrine for their violent campaign for greater political and religious freedom.

Bhindranale, 37, and other Sikh leaders do not leave the temple grounds for fear of being arrested.

While police generally do not enter places of worship in India, the government is widely believed to be considering a raid on the Golden Temple to rid it of criminals and arsenals. At least 83 people have been killed since mid-February in escalating Sikh terrorism in Punjab, a northern state where the majority of India's 13 million Sikhs live.

Salvador guerrillas force message over air waves

SAN SALVADOR (AP). — Leftist rebels took over three radio stations in the capital on Friday and forced them to play recorded messages condemning U.S.-backed presidential elections scheduled for March 25, spokesmen for the Salvadoran radio stations said.

The rebels seized Radio El Mundo and Radio Clasica, located on the outskirts of San Salvador, and Radio Centroamericana, northwest of the capital.

The radio station spokesmen said the rebels, armed with pistols, entered the sound booths and forced the disc jockeys to put on tapes condemning upcoming elections as a "farce." The tapes said the government "should accept a guerrilla plan calling for the establishment of a provisional government that would hold elections later. The gunmen then escaped."

Rebels and their leftist supporters say they will not participate in the elections because their candidates would be easy targets for right-wing death squads, which have been linked to government security forces.

On the battle front, army units fought for 12 hours with left-wing guerrillas in an abandoned sugar cane plantation east of San Salvador. Officers said Friday that two soldiers were killed and at least 16 wounded.

UK cruise missiles in midnight exercise

GREENHAM COMMON, England (AP). — The British Defence Ministry said a convoy of cruise missile vehicles that left the U.S. Air Force base here at midnight Friday returned 3 1/2 hours later, after completing the first deployment exercise held outside the perimeter fence since the missiles began arriving here last November.

"The convoy was not carrying live missiles and as we have said on previous occasions it is not the intention to carry live missiles on any training exercise away from the base," a ministry spokesman said.

The British domestic news agency, Press Association, reported that it received a telephone call from a person claiming to be a member of Britain's Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament (CMD) saying their members were "kept at bay" by police as three large trucks left the installation. Women anti-nuclear campaigners have maintained a peace camp outside the base since September 1981.

Defence officials have said that in time of international tension, the cruise launchers and associated vehicles would leave the base for secret hiding places to avoid the risk of the missiles being destroyed in their bunkers by an enemy strike on the base.

Argentine ex-junta men in custody

BUENOS AIRES (Reuters). — Argentina's highest military court on Thursday placed the former commander of the country's navy and of the air force in "rigorous preventive custody," confirming that both face serious charges over the 1982 Falklands conflict with Britain, military sources said.

The supreme council of the armed forces had earlier applied the same measure to former president Leopoldo Galtieri, who led the military junta which ordered Argentina's ill-fated invasion of the Falkland Islands beginning on April 2, 1982.

Then navy commander Jorge Anaya and air force chief Basilio Lami Dozo belonged to the junta.

All three former junta members were placed under arrest by the supreme council more than two weeks ago.

USSR to supply India with sophisticated arms

NEW DELHI (Reuters). — The Soviet Union has agreed to supply India with a wide range of new and sophisticated weapons under agreements reached during a visit to India by Soviet Defence Minister Dmitry Ustinov, official sources said on Friday.

The supplies are likely to include new Soviet fighter aircraft for the Indian Air Force, tanks and missiles for the army, and electronic surveillance systems and submarines for the navy.

Moscow will supply "advanced technology aircraft" fitted with electronic counter-measure systems, the sources said. They gave no further details, but informed sources said the planes are likely to be the latest MiG-29s.

The two sides also discussed a comprehensive air defence system "in the light of current and future security perceptions," the sources said.

In parliament, the government said Moscow will start delivering Ilushin-76 military transport aircraft this year.

The sources said the Soviet Union will fit destroyers and frigates being built by the Indian Navy with the latest sensing systems to increase their surveillance, detection and sight capabilities.

The two sides will also develop electronic capabilities "to contain the developing threats in the Indian Ocean area." Informed sources said Moscow might also supply New Delhi with new submarines.

Ustinov, who left for home yesterday, met Prime Minister Indira Gandhi for a second time on Friday. He also had talks with defence Minister Ramaswami Venkataraman and called on President Zail Singh and External Affairs Minister P.V. Narasimha Rao.

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Hart leads Reagan in Gallup poll

WASHINGTON. — Democratic Senator Gary Hart would beat President Ronald Reagan if the U.S. election were held now, according to a Gallup poll released on Friday.

It said the Colorado senator would beat Reagan 52 to 43 per cent.

Reagan would beat two other Democratic presidential contenders, former vice-president Walter Mondale 50-45 per cent and former astronaut John Glenn 52-41, Gallup said.

Another poll, by the USA Today newspaper, showed that Hart held a narrow 34-32 lead over Mondale among Democrats. A similar poll in February gave Mondale a commanding 47 per cent, to Hart's 2 per cent.

On Friday, Hart picked up the endorsement of former candidate Ernest Hollings as the contestants for the Democratic nomination headed toward this week's crucial

primary elections.

Attention shifted temporarily to lightly populated Wyoming where Hart was favoured to once again defeat Mondale in yesterday's polling in that state's 23 county caucuses, or meetings.

Both hoped to use their first test in the West to build momentum for the upcoming round of primaries and caucuses on "Super Tuesday."

The only other candidate with organized support in Wyoming was Ohio Senator John Glenn.

Voting in the Wyoming caucuses will help determine 12 of the state's 15 delegates to the national convention next July. More importantly, it was expected to help show the relative strength of the candidates in the West, a region that heavily favoured the Republican Reagan four years ago.

Hart said he was "pleased" by the Hollings endorsement. The South Carolina senator said at a news conference on Friday that Hart has

Rights groups report deaths of 15 Polish dissidents

NEW YORK (AP). — Two human rights groups said Friday that 15 anti-government activists died under mysterious circumstances in Poland between January, 1983 and February, 1984.

The deaths and "other methods of repression" were documented in a nine-page report on alleged human rights abuses in Poland compiled by the Helsinki Watch Committee and the Committee in Support of Solidarity.

The groups, made up of Poles living in the U.S. and private American citizens like former presidential adviser Zbigniew Brzezinski, asserted that many of the deaths followed "a period in which the individuals had been arrested, followed or detained by police. The list also includes several apparent suicides that similarly followed police harassment or harassment by unknown perpetrators."

The alleged abuses were documented in Poland by sources that "are generally very reliable... If they have two figures, they take the lower figure," said Kathy Fitzpatrick, a staff director for Helsinki Watch.

"One of the most disturbing things is that people simply disappear or are killed by what the official press calls unknown perpetrators," said Eric Chenoweth, executive director of the Committee in Support of Solidarity.

In Warsaw yesterday, a Roman Catholic bishop told thousands of teen-age pilgrims in the shrine city of Czestochowa that the church is "disturbed" because Communist authorities have declared a "war against the cross."

Bishop Franciszek Musiel of Czestochowa, was addressing the young people at a mass in the Black Madonna chapel of the Jasna Gora Monastery, a spokesman at the hill-top monastery said.

Teen-agers from all over Poland converged overnight at the monastery to express solidarity with high school students from the farmlands south of Warsaw who staged protests last week against the removal of crosses from their schools. Removal of crucifixes from schools, hospitals and factories was justified officially on grounds that the buildings are owned by the government, which is led by the atheist Communist Party, a spokesman at the monastery said.

96-year-old gets six months in jail

NEW YORK (AP). — A man who says he is 96 and has a criminal record dating back to 1929 has been sentenced to six months in jail for trying to swindle at least seven women.

"We have reason to believe he is the oldest prisoner ever in our system," city correction department spokesman Ed Hershey said.

James Barnes received a sentence on Wednesday of six months in jail and five years' probation. Probation officials were unable to verify Barnes' claim that he was born in Chicago in 1887, but found records showing he has been arrested at least 34 times, the first in New York in 1929 for burglary.

Barnes was arrested last July after police said he accosted at least seven women and offered them a chance to get rich. He flashed a wad of money — actually cut paper with fake currency on top — and offered to split it with them. But first he asked for a deposit to prove their sincerity.

Five of the women gave him a total of \$8,000.

Two Armenians jailed for killing Turk envoy

BELGRADE (AP). — The district court of Belgrade on Friday sentenced two Armenian nationalists to 20 years in jail for assassinating the Turkish ambassador to Yugoslavia last year.

The court found Kagoution Krikor Levonian, 23, and Raffi Alexander Elbakian, 21, guilty of "gunning down" Turkey's Ambassador Galip Balkar exactly a year ago Friday in downtown Belgrade. The pair, who hold Lebanese passports, were also convicted of murdering a Yugoslav student who tried to stop them when they fled the scene.

After serving the sentence, the two Armenians will be expelled from Yugoslavia, the court ruled.

Aussie prospector strikes it rich

PERTH (Reuters). — A prospector probing a hard cap of rock dismissed as worthless has found one of the most significant gold deposits in Western Australia for about 50 years, assessors said yesterday.

Bill Powell, 44, uncovered the gold-bearing seam near the abandoned McPherson's Reward mine near Coolgardie, 570 kilometres northeast of Perth.

In processing, some of the ore yielded nearly 28 grams of gold for each ton extracted.

\$16.5m. donated for Africa drought aid

GENEVA (AP). — The League of Red Cross and Red Crescent societies said Friday that \$16.5 million has been donated in response to an appeal for aid for drought victims in nine African countries.

Spokesman Antony Cornow said the league had appealed last November for \$8.2m. and since then had increased the appeal to \$22.5m.

The aid is for 850,000 people in Zambia, Zimbabwe, Ethiopia, Mauritania, Swaziland, Senegal, Sao Tome, Mozambique, and Chad, he said.

Aegean flare-up subsides

ATHENS (Reuters). — Tension between Nato members Greece and Turkey subsided yesterday as suddenly as it had flared up after Greece said it was satisfied by Turkish explanations of a naval incident in the Aegean on Thursday.

Turkey welcomed the Greek statement.

On Friday night, Greece reversed its decision of the previous day to recall its Ankara ambassador, after saying it accepted Turkey did not intend to provoke a dangerous incident.

Greece says one of its destroyers came under shell fire from Turkish ships taking part in maneuvers in the north-east Aegean near the Greek island of Samothraki on Thursday.

Foreign Under-Secretary Yannis Kapsis said on Friday that Turkey had told Greece that the shells involved were fired in the air by anti-aircraft guns, and that only fragments fell into the sea.

Kapsis, while saying Greece stood by its account of the events, told newsmen that the government judged Turkey had no intention of provoking a dangerous incident.

Earlier, Prime Minister Andreas Papandreu had described the incident as the most serious since Turkey invaded Cyprus in 1974. The two neighbouring countries have long been in dispute over Cyprus, territorial rights in the Aegean and other issues.

Soviet readers informed of Thatcher view on missiles

MOSCOW (AP). — A Soviet youth newspaper published a letter yesterday from British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher in a rare instance of allowing Soviet readers unfettered access to Western views on the East-West quarrel over nuclear missiles in Europe.

But the text of the letter, which seemed to match a text distributed to correspondents in Moscow by the British Embassy on March 1, appeared alongside a reply from Valentina Tereshkova, the first woman in space and now a leading Communist Party figure.

Tereshkova advanced familiar Soviet arguments on the missiles question to counter Thatcher's assurances that Nato does not want war and was installing new U.S.-built medium-range nuclear weapons only in response to Soviet deployments.

Thatcher referred to the Soviet medium-range nuclear weapons force rarely mentioned in Soviet propaganda, which blames the nuclear build-up in Europe entirely on Nato.

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Hevrat Ha'Ovdim head Danny Rosolio reacts to IMF recommendations 'Our small size makes us different'

By MACABEE DEAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — What may be good for semi-bankrupt countries like Brazil and Poland is not necessarily good for Israel.

This is how Danny Rosolio, secretary-general of Hevrat Ha'Ovdim, feels about the recommendations made by delegates of the International Monetary Fund, now visiting Israel. He believes that the way to get Israel on its economic feet is to create a recession deliberately, with its accompanying growth in unemployment and the erosion of wages of those keeping their jobs.

Both of these foreign countries, and others in the same category, he says, "are huge compared to Israel, with cumbersome economic structures that cannot be easily influenced without drastic means. And the structure of their external debts is entirely different from ours."

But Israel is a small country, where half a dozen economic groups, more or less in constant contact with each other, dominate the economy. These groups include the government, the Histadrut, Hevrat Ha'Ovdim, the two large agriculture groups, and the Coordinating Committee of the Economic Organizations (which includes the Manufacturers Association).

As for Israel's foreign debt, it is huge, about \$24 billion, "but it is not terrifying, even if it is frightening." The reason is that most of Israel's debt is long-term. Nevertheless, this debt is still frightening, because 40 per cent of it has to be serviced this year (repayment of loans or paying interest); moreover, the entire debt is 20 per cent larger than Israel's GNP.

The best way to reduce the comparative size of the debt is to increase the country's economic growth through investments, and not by causing a recession, "so that the debt, while it may remain very large, will shrink in proportion to the growing GNP."

Rosolio notes that the Koor Industrial complex (which is part of Hevrat Ha'Ovdim) is continuing its own "investment for growth" programme, despite the government demand for restraining growth, in line with the IMF recommendations.

Last year, for example, Koor increased the number of persons it employed by 2,000, from 32,000 to 34,000; and it increased its total output (or sales) by 7.5 per cent. "And our exports increased by nine per cent in 1983. This is our method of solving the country's economic problems: more employment, more production, more exports."

Hevrat Ha'Ovdim set up five new plants in development areas in 1983; another five, perhaps seven, should be completed by the end of 1985.

"And the moshavim movement is also moving into industrialization. Some 30 different projects are now being examined." Later, the Histadrut wants to start the industrialization of the Arab villages.

Rosolio points out that the industrialization of the outlying areas is of the utmost social importance. 25 per cent of all the jobs are in the development towns, yet these towns constitute only nine per cent of the country's total population.

"The young men have to find work; otherwise they will emigrate — not so much abroad — but to the large urban centres. They will leave the development towns lifeless, empty economic skeletons, prone to social upheavals."

Where would the "investment money for growth" come from? Koor has its own internal resources based on profits. But this is still not enough for the type of expansion which Rosolio envisages.

He would like to go back several years in time, when it could tap about 50 per cent of the monies flowing into the Histadrut's pension funds. This 50 per cent was then directed to "investing for growth," (under government supervision), but when Yigal Hurvitz became finance minister, he stopped the practice.

Today, some 92 per cent of the monies accruing to the Histadrut are used for other purposes.

Turkey tries to meet Iran's need for shrouds

IZMIR (AP). — A Turkish state-owned company here is operating at full capacity to meet a growing Iranian demand for burial cloth, a Turkish news agency reported yesterday.

In a dispatch from this Aegean coast city, the Hurriyet Habero Jansi reported Turkey's exports of burial shrouds to neighbouring Iran rose markedly since the recent flare-up in fighting between Iran and Iraq.

Quoting officials of the Sumerbank textile concern, the agency said the first shipment involved one million metres of crude cloth under an accord reached with Iranian officials last year.

The officials say the exported cloth was being used primarily for burial according to Moslem tradition. Under Moslem practice a body must be washed thoroughly and wrapped up in white fabric before it is buried.

future of huge wealth, distinguishing it from all countries in the region and maybe on the international level.

He gave no details of the size or location of the discovery. Libya currently pumps about 1.1 million barrels of oil daily. Oil executives in Libya had told the Associated Press they were drilling for oil in the Mediterranean Sea near the border with Tunisia. But it was unknown if that was the location of the discovery mentioned by Gaddafi.

Gaddafi claims huge offshore oil strike

TRIPOLI (AP). — Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi says Libya has made a huge offshore oil discovery, larger than any yet found inside his country, the official Libyan News Agency Jana reported last week.

Libya's biggest producing oil field on land, the Bualawn field, has produced more than 5.5 billion barrels of oil since 1972.

There was no immediate independent confirmation of the claim.

Gaddafi said the find "would enable Libya to enjoy a long-term

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In last week's trading it was the oil sector that stood out, as it benefited from strong demands coming in response to rumours that announcement of an oil find is imminent. Mutual funds reportedly have been major investors in some of the oil issues.

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Specifically, Volcker said it looked as though economic activity was still forging ahead at a very strong pace, but that the U.S. government budget deficit continued to raise vexing questions about future prospects.

Volcker seemed to dismiss the idea that he was hinting at a more restrictive credit policy. He said he had been "a little puzzled" by the markets' behaviour.

But by then the mood was set for the week on Wall Street. The Dow Jones average of 30 industrial stocks tumbled 31.72 to 1,139.76, wiping out its net gain of 22.61 points during the two preceding weeks. The New York Stock Exchange composite index dropped 2.73 to 88.9

and the American Stock Exchange market value index was down 5.61 at 207.14.

The markets and Volcker, of course, share a common, oft-stated concern — the question of what ought to be done, and what can be done, about the federal budget deficit.

Wall Street's close watch on Volcker and the Fed will continue up to and through the last week of March, when the central bank's policy-setting open market committee is scheduled to hold its next meeting.

Volcker comments bring drop in stock prices

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By JOSEPH MORGENSTERN
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The Tel Aviv Stock Exchange is considered as one of the world's most volatile exchanges. Prices are known to fluctuate in a single session by tens of percentage points.

For the second consecutive week share prices surged ahead strongly last week, and in some instances even dramatically so. All groups of shares participated in the ongoing rally. To fully appreciate the volatility of the local exchange as well as the strength of the market, one need only to glance at the table in adjacent columns.

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Specifically, Volcker said it looked as though economic activity was still forging ahead at a very strong pace, but that the U.S. government budget deficit continued to raise vexing questions about future prospects.

Volcker seemed to dismiss the idea that he was hinting at a more restrictive credit policy. He said he had been "a little puzzled" by the markets' behaviour.

But by then the mood was set for the week on Wall Street. The Dow Jones average of 30 industrial stocks tumbled 31.72 to 1,139.76, wiping out its net gain of 22.61 points during the two preceding weeks. The New York Stock Exchange composite index dropped 2.73 to 88.9

and the American Stock Exchange market value index was down 5.61 at 207.14.

The markets and Volcker, of course, share a common, oft-stated concern — the question of what ought to be done, and what can be done, about the federal budget deficit.

Wall Street's close watch on Volcker and the Fed will continue up to and through the last week of March, when the central bank's policy-setting open market committee is scheduled to hold its next meeting.

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13 Place of worship on the blower in Essex (10)
15 Final period of a shoemaker's working life? (4, 4)
16 Australian port for a naturalist (6)
18 Type-cast mould of Marxist lacking direction (6)
20 Unearthed truffles (6, 2)
23 Repulsive article returned to us during a meal (10)
24 Reflect on a Hebridean isle (4)
26 Band round Mr Starr (5)
27 Stupid reply briefly upsetting irene (8)
28 Academic who taxes the wages of sin? (4-10)

DOWN
2 Originally weighing pounds in Greece, they say (7)
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Sports

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Ohana's relief as Betar steal a point

By PAUL KOHN
Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV — Eli Ohana with a well taken opportunistic effort broke the Betar Jerusalem goal drought four minutes before the final whistle to give Betar a vital draw against visiting Tel Aviv, before 5,000 fans at the YMCA ground yesterday.

Four games and 480 minutes of football had passed before Ohana finally ended the Betar fans' goal thirst. But it was hardly a refreshing shower for the league leaders have still not won in their last six games. They can thank Hapoel Lod for staying their three-points lead at the top of the National League as they battled back to hold challenging Maccabi Haifa to a 2-2 draw in Haifa.

Back in second place are now Hapoel Tel Aviv, 1-0 winners of the Tel Aviv derby over Maccabi before 18,000 spectators at the Bloomfield Stadium. It is now six seasons since Maccabi have managed to beat Hapoel. Moshe Sinai got the all important winner from the penalty spot in the 35th minute, after Shabtai Levy had been fouled by Avi Yehoshua. In the 70th minute, Avi Cohen (formerly of Liverpool fame) failed to get the Maccabi equalizer when he shot weakly from the penalty spot, enabling veteran goalkeeper Arie Bejerano to dive full length and divert the ball. Rafi Ben Hamu of Maccabi was on hand to shoot again, but ballooned his effort wide.

It was an evenly fought match, making up in keenness what it lacked in class, especially in the second half. Until his poor penalty shot, Avi Cohen was outstanding in defence and midfield for Maccabi. Vicky Peretz was replaced at halftime because of injury by Meir Hanuka. For Hapoel, Rifat Turk had a fine second half, and was totally dominant in the air, while Sinai showed considerable flair. Only his penalty has so far beaten Tamir Gilat, a law student at Tel Aviv University, who is Maccabi's new goalkeeper.

The 42nd was the crucial but unhappy minute for Maccabi Haifa. At that point they had led 2-0, after another sparkling display, and more goals by Zahi Armeli and Moshe Selektor. Armeli found himself before an open Lod goal and needed only to tap the ball in to send Haifa three up into the half. Instead, the striker stroked the ball wide. Gratefully, Lod swept upfield and within seconds Victor Ohion scored their opening goal to make it rather a vulnerable 2-1 scoreline.

FA CUP Watford reach last four

LONDON (Reuters). — Second half goals by Andy Gray of Everton and Les Taylor and John Barnes of Watford earned the First Division clubs a place in the semifinals of the English FA Cup yesterday.

Gray's 47th minute effort gave Everton a 2-1 quarter-final win at Notts County and Taylor and Barnes (on target twice), enabled Watford to dismiss hosts Birmingham 3-1 in the other all-First Division tie.

F.A. Cup, quarter-finals

Birmingham 1, Watford 3
Notts County 1, Everton 2
Plymouth 0, Derby 0

DIVISION ONE

Arsenal 4, Ipswich 1
Liverpool 3, Tottenham 1
Manchester United 2, Leicester 0
QPR 2, Coventry 0

Stoke 1, Aston Villa 0
West Ham 1, W.olverhampton 1

Liverpool 31 18 9 4 31 22 63
Man. Utd. 31 17 10 9 31 21 61
West Ham 31 16 8 9 30 22 54
Nott. Forest 30 16 8 9 34 34 53
Sheff. Wed. 29 17 10 9 31 22 53
QPR 31 15 5 11 47 28 50
Derby 31 12 8 11 48 48 44
Ipswich 30 12 8 11 48 48 44
Middlesbrough 30 12 8 11 48 48 44
Aston Villa 30 12 8 11 48 48 44
Coventry 30 10 9 11 39 40 39
Sheff. Utd. 30 11 8 13 31 34 39
Birmingham 30 9 10 11 31 41 37
Cardiff 30 9 8 13 48 32 35
Leeds 30 9 8 13 48 32 35
Bolton 30 9 8 13 48 32 35
Sheff. Wed. 30 9 8 13 48 32 35
Stoke 31 9 8 15 28 30 32
Wolverhampton 31 9 8 15 28 30 32
Nott. County 29 5 7 17 37 29 22

England suffer more woe; Botham home

LAHORE (AP). — Star all rounder Ian Botham is being flown home today from England's cricket tour of Pakistan because of a knee injury. Botham will miss England's last two Tests and second one-day international.

Botham's injury is the latest setback for England on what has been a tour fraught with disappointments and defeats. They lost the Test series



RISE TO THE JERUSALEM HEIGHTS — Tel Aviv's Avi Goldar beats Jerusalem's Udi Assah to the ball during the clash of the two Betar clubs at the YMCA ground yesterday. The National League leaders enjoyed a late goal from Eli Ohana to gain them a somewhat lucky draw. (Yisraeli)

Lod threw all into attack in the second half upsetting the home team. Moshe Zeitoun duly netted the equalizer in the 77th minute to steal a point, and drop Haifa from second to third place to the disappointment of their 8,000 loyal fans.

In Jerusalem, Betar had looked perilously like being caught by the ambitious Haifa set until the Lod equalizer. At that point they were trailing 1-0. The visitors Betar Tel Aviv were sharper all along and deservedly led through a goal by Rahamim Amran, who headed home strongly the intelligently fought Nissim Cohen free kick in the 58th minute. Cohen was the maestro of midfield, Uri Malmilian and Danny Neuman looking completely sluggish in comparison. With better finishing by Yacov Numdar and Shimon Louk and but for some devilish brave goalkeeping by Yossi Mizrahi the Tel Avivians might well have been three or four goals ahead. Then came Ohana's long-awaited goal. But their vocal fans — vociferously demanding as ever — realize Betar Jerusalem still have an awful lot of psychological work to do to stay on top of the First Division.

The game between Maccabi Jaffa and Hakoah was stopped by referee Yair Tilianger 10 minutes before the end, Jaffa were leading 1-0, through an Avraham Butfika goal. David Amiga had just come on for Jaffa and quickly got into an argument with Hakoah goalkeeper Shlomo Nordman, earning himself a yellow warning card. A spectator, apparently a Jaffa supporter, ran onto the field, was intercepted and argued with by Nordman. The intruder then punched Nordman in the face. Nordman fell flat on his face, and Tilianger marched off the pitch escorted by

MINI FEAST IN CAPITAL

There will be a feast of good football and good entertainment for soccer fans in the capital tomorrow night when an indoor five-a-side charity tournament is staged at the Goldberg Sports Hall in Kiryat Hayovel. Top players of Betar Jerusalem and other National League clubs, as well as veteran ball wizards and budding stars among prominent politicians, will be in action. All the proceeds will go to help the work of the *At-Sam* association which fights the use of drugs in Israel.

DIVISION TWO

Brighton 1, Manchester City 1
Cambridge 0, Cardiff 2
Charlton 3, Grimsby 3
Leeds 1, Blackpool 0
Newcastle 1, Chelsea 1
Oxford 3, Crystal Palace 2
Sheff. Utd. 0, Carlisle 1
Stoke 1, Huddersfield 0
Swansea 1, Barnsley 0

BOXING: "Terrible" Tim Witherspoon, keeping the pressure on throughout, scored a 12-round majority decision over Greg Page to become the new World Boxing Council heavyweight champion.

The mauling match between two big men at the Las Vegas convention centre was for the title vacated by unbeaten Larry Holmes.

It was an expensive time in the ring for the new champ. While Witherspoon was fighting Page, someone burgled his hotel room and got away with \$31,000 worth of jewelry.

URIEL AYON, one of the country's veteran golf addicts, was last week elected the new chairman of the Caesarea Golf Club, Israel's only links. He takes over from Marcus Mandel, with Israel Givrisman elected to serve as the new deputy club chairman.

In the weekend competitions, yesterday's better-ball event was won by the Haifa couple Hymie and Mickey Goldblatt who returned a 65 net. The Zeev Abrahams, Ellie Kirschner, Michael Bardugo and M. Singer quartet came out top in Friday's four best-ball event, shooting a combined 13-under-par 60.

policemen. It was the first stoppage of a senior league game this season. Maccabi Netanya again badly missed their star defender, Haim Ben and Gaby Levi. The game in defence, enabled Maccabi Netanya to inflict a 3-2 defeat on them, in their fourth game without a win. Oded Machness and David Levi got the Netanya goals, with Haim Levy, playing his first game for Netanya, scoring an own goal to make it 1-0 in Yavne in the 20th minute. David Vakani made it 2-0 and Zion Yacov scored Yavne's third in the 48th minute. Two youngsters made their debut for Be'er Yehuda and played outstanding roles in their team's 3-0 win over Hapoel Beersheba. David Gurdana, 18, scored both Be'er Yehuda goals, by Hillel Kaplan and David Salzman, Yitzhak Naha also shone.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Hapoel Yotam 1, Shimonon 3
Maccabi Petah Tikva 3, Mac. Ramat Amud 0
Mac. Jaffa 1, Hakoah 0 (game stopped in 80th min)

Betar Jerusalem 1, Betar Tel Aviv 1
Hap. Tel Aviv 1, Mac. Tel Aviv 0
Be'er Yehuda 2, Hap. Beersheba 0
Mac. Yavne 3, Mac. Netanya 0
Mac. Haifa 2, Hap. Lod 2

W D L Goals Pts
Bet. Jaffa 10 9 1 35:18 39
Hap. TA 9 9 3 29:18 36
Mac. Haifa 10 6 5 31:21 36
Mac. TA 9 6 6 34:24 35
Be. TA 9 4 8 29:26 31
Shimonon 9 5 9 29:31 30
Mac. PT 6 9 6 20:16 27
Netanya 7 6 8 32:34 27
Beersheba 7 5 9 22:27 26
Yavne 6 7 8 20:26 25
Lod 6 7 8 21:30 25
Yehud 5 8 8 22:28 23
Hakoah(20) 6 4 10 15:25 22
Jaffa(20) 3 12 5 18:24 21
Amud 4 9 8 22:31 21
Be'er Yehuda 4 8 9 16:24 20

SECOND DIVISION

Kfar Sava 1, Hap. Jerusalem 1
Ashdod 2, Hap. Haifa 3
Holon 0, Hakoah 0
Marmorek 2, Kfar Sava 0
Hap. Ramat Gan 1, Hap. Petah Tikva 1
Beit Shean 1, Be. Haifa 1
Hadera 0, Be. Shean 0
Upper Nazareth 0, Be. Ramat 1

W D L Goals Pts
Hap. PT 10 7 4 25:14 37
Hadera 10 7 4 27:17 37
Rishon 10 6 5 24:16 36
Kfar Sava 8 10 3 23:12 34
Ashdod 9 6 6 28:18 33
Hap. Haifa 8 9 4 28:19 33
Hap. RG 6 8 8 19:14 32
Holon 6 9 6 20:22 27
Be. Ramat 5 11 5 13:13 26
Hap. Jaffa 7 5 9 25:28 26
Marmorek 6 7 8 20:24 25
K. Shimonon 6 6 9 25:28 24
Be. Haifa 6 4 11 19:34 22
U. Nazareth 4 8 9 15:32 20
Beit Shean 3 10 10 16:24 17
Beit Shean 1 11 9 20:32 14

BOXING PERILS

Cleveland Denny crouches against the ropes at the end of a lightweight fight three years ago. Denny, 24, failed to regain consciousness after being counted out and died soon after his bout with Canadian champ Gaetan Hart. (UPI)

Tennis galore

By JACK LEON

TEL AVIV. — The Israel Tennis Association is organizing a record number of seven full international events here during 1984. Scores of overseas players are expected for this series of men's, women's and junior tournaments, which will be held at Israel Tennis Centre courts across the country.

The programme includes the addition of Haifa to the Junior "World Ranking Circuit" tournaments that the ITA is once again playing off in April in Jerusalem and Ramat Hasharon. The event in Haifa, which will bring back major international competition to the port city

Woes of a golfer

Sir — As an American Jew, who is both devoted to Israel and an ardent golfer, I had looked forward for many years to playing a round of golf at the renowned Caesarea Golf Club.

When I arrived at the course, I decided to go "first class." Green fees, rental of clubs and golf car, and warm-up balls cost \$54,600. Expensive, but acceptable for a long-awaited day.

But the clubs they furnished (1965) were of such ancient vintage, in such poor condition, filthy, with grips so hard and slippery, that they were impossible to use. When I asked for others, I was refused, although there were bins of used clubs in the shop in better condition, but, I was told, these were only for sale, not for hire.

I have played golf for many years, and, as a former club champion, I could have used the better equipment without causing any damage. But I was refused.

The day was a total "wash-out," and I injured my fingers as well. I would like to recommend two possible alternatives to the Caesarea Club: either put up a large sign "No tourists" or give visitors a break by furnishing equipment they can enjoy using. Then they will have something nice to say about Caesarea when they go home.

ARTHUR L. SLATER.

Alon Ben-David, manager of the Caesarea Golf Club, replies: We deeply regret that Mr. Slater did not enjoy his day at Caesarea. His problem was a very unusual one in our experience: normally, players of his calibre bring their own clubs. The clubs we have for hire are suitable for beginners or average players. Within a month, we will have several top grade sets available for hire: they have been ordered from abroad.

Barcelona v Roma in Cup final

Post Sports Staff

After their defeat by Barcelona on Thursday night, the final disappointment of the European Basketball Cup is over for Maccabi Tel Aviv. They can indulge in the dubious memory that their last two home defeats in the tournament were handed them by the eventual finalists for the Cup, Barcelona of Spain and Banco Roma. They will play off for the trophy in Geneva on March 29. In the last games Roma defeated Bosna Sarajevo 66-55 and Cantu beat Limoges 95-93.

FINAL TABLE

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Barcelona	10	7	3	910	825	17
Roma	10	7	3	786	752	17
Cantu	10	6	4	865	828	16
Bosna	10	5	5	843	928	15
Maccabi	10	3	7	872	902	13
Limoges	10	2	8	939	980	12

Basketball interest swings back to the climax of the local league season with the second leg of the semi-final play-offs this evening. Although one match up Maccabi Tel Aviv will have a difficult job keeping off the challenge of Hapoel Haifa in Haifa, Hapoel Ramat Gan, the other favourites, also have a lot to do to square their three match series against Hapoel Tel Aviv.

Doctors lash out

LONDON (Reuters). — The British Medical Association (BMA), gearing up for a campaign to ban professional boxing, says that new medical techniques showed brain damage among boxers was more widespread than once thought.

In the most vigorous denunciation of boxing, the organisation, which represents Britain's 97,000 doctors, said brain scans showed evidence of damage without apparent symptoms in comparatively young boxers, including amateurs, and in boxers whose careers had been considered

Marathon should add to Purim jollifications

By JACK LEON
Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Nearly 20 runners from abroad have entered Hapoel's fourth annual Tel Aviv Marathon, which takes place on March 19, Shushan Purim. They include Hungarian Gyula Poczo, whose fastest time of 2 hours, 14 minutes flat for the classic 42.195 km. distance has never been achieved by any runner in marathon competition in Israel. Also due is Colombia's Raphael Tabidiva, with a best time of 2:14.22. race director David Saidi told me.

Next week's festive event will be much more of a "city" marathon than the three previous runs in the series, since central thoroughfares like Yehuda Halevi and Rothschild are being added to the route, while Dizengoff and Ibn Gabirol are again included. Saidi hopes that the Purim atmosphere will stimulate local enthusiasts and involvement, bringing out many more spectators along the way.

The meet, organized by Hapoel in conjunction with the Tel Aviv Municipality and "Yediot Aharonot" — also includes a 20 km. half-marathon and a 6-km. "fun-run" for all comers. A total entry of 3,500 is anticipated

for the three events. The sponsors are Adidas, El Al, Hertz Mitzuyan soft drinks and the Ramada Continental Hotel.

In addition to Poczo and Tabidiva, the men's line-up for the marathon includes four more athletes who have covered the gruelling distance in 2:18 or under. They are Switzerland's Peter Josef, John Skoyberg from Denmark, Hungarian Attila Bauer and Italy's Ricardo Mangione, who took third place in the 1982 Sea of Galilee International Marathon. The best time to date for the Tel Aviv Marathon is 2:22.34, achieved last year by Alan McGee, of England.

Among the women entries is Hungary's Agnes Sipka, whose fastest marathon tie of 2:45 betters by more than half an hour the record for the Tel Aviv race. Sipka and her teammates will be only the second Hungarian sports contingent to come to Israel since the Six Day War. The delegation from Budapest will be headed by Laszlo Eperjesi, a former Hungarian government minister and now a member of his country's Olympic Committee.

Apart from the Hungarians, the overseas participants in the marathon include the Rumanian

athletes and a 10-strong contingent from France. Hapoel's external relations department director Avigdor Dagon reported. Some 150 United Nations personnel serving in the area will boost the foreign entry.

Disappointingly, Israel's marathon stars Yair Karni and Zehava Shmueli are not competing in the full marathon, but both will be seen in the 20-km. race, in which Shmueli has won all three races to date. While most of the country's other long-distance runners are also opting for the half-marathon, Hebrew University student Danny Felsenstein is considering going the whole hog.

Considerable traffic jams have been caused at the three previous races in the series, and the addition of more central thoroughfares to this year's route are likely to further increase the disruptions. Saidi said, however, that, with one or two exceptions, roads will not be closed to traffic for more than 90 minutes. Motorists, he hoped, would take the inconvenience in their stride and enter into the spirit of the festive occasion.

Entry forms for the races may be obtained from the Hapoel Sports Association, 8 Rehov Ha'arba, Tel Aviv. (Tel. 260181/4).

Tests for sportsmen

By D'VORA BEN SHAUL

Competitors in sport in Israel, whether in the major leagues or in the framework of the educational system, will be obliged to have a comprehensive medical examination before being allowed to compete, and they will also need regular check-ups thereafter, at least every two years.

Professor Baruch Modan, director-general of the Ministry of Health, announced that these regulations, agreed upon by an inter-ministerial committee representing the Health and the Education ministries, will be undertaken voluntarily by the sport's associations and the educational system until such time as they will become law under the new Sports Law, which is now being framed and will go to the Knesset for reading next year.

The regulations also prohibit the use of pain-killers, and tranquilizers and "pep pills" by persons participating in sports.

Modan said that the committee and its regulations had nothing to do with the cases of sudden death of Israeli sportsmen that have occurred in the past few years but that, "he hoped it would prevent such incidents in the future."

Modan also said that the only problem expected in implementing the decisions of the committee is that they also call for certain equipment

Wimbledon to top £1m.

LONDON (AP). — Overall prize money at this year's Wimbledon tennis championships will increase by 49 per cent and will exceed £1m. (\$1.48m.) for the first time ever, the All England club have announced.

The 1984 men's singles champion will receive exactly £100,000 (\$148,000) and the women's champion £90,000 (\$133,200), said All England chairman Buzzer Hadingham.

John McEnroe last night reached the final of the \$250,000 Belgium indoor championships with a crushing 6-3, 6-1 semi-final triumph over Sweden's Thomas Hogstedt. The other semi-final pitted top seed Ivan Lendl against fellow Czech Tomas Smid.

Quarter final results — McEnroe def. Johan Kriek (U.S.) 6-3, 6-1; Hogstedt def. Bernard Bolleau (Belg.) 6-4, 4-6, 6-1; Smid def. Henrik Sundstrom (Swe.) 6-0, 6-4 and Lendl def. Gene Mayer (U.S.) 6-3, 6-4.

Ra'anana, AIS tops in 7-a-side hockey

Post Sports Reporter

NETANYA. — Hapoel Ra'anana and the American International School of Kfar Shmaryahu yesterday won their respective competitions in the Israel Hockey Association's third seven-a-side tournament of the 1983/84 season, played at the Wingate Institute. A total of 12 teams took part in the day-long, round-robin event.

Ra'anana were somewhat lucky to take the men's title, beating Jaffa's Tabertha School in the final, after the latter lost to the students in the first round. But the final Ra'anana winning margin was 3-0 — the goals coming from Charlie Rubin, Johnny Edges and Tony Pollak. Tabertha have done marvellously well in their first full season of competitive hockey.

The International School squeezed past Maccabi Tel Aviv in the women's final, with Carli Springer netting their winner.

Yizre'el triumph

Yizre'el beat hosts Kfar Hanassi 28-4 in the final of yesterday's inaugural Hapoel seven-a-side rugby tournament, which was contested by a total of five teams.

In league action, ASA Tel Aviv scored a 20-10 victory over Kiryat Shimon at Kibbutz Ansh.

The sports pages are edited by Philip Gillon and Yaron Kenan.

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Taming the shrew

FOR MANY weeks an intensive lobbying effort has been taking place behind the scenes to determine who will be the next chairman and the next director-general of the Israel Broadcasting Authority. The terms of both posts expire at the end of this month.

More is at stake than patronage or prestige. Ever since the advent of TV broadcasting in Israel, government has been painfully sensitive about the messages transmitted on the airwaves.

This, of course, was foreseen. To assure that broadcasting would be both judicious and independent, a broadcasting authority was established. This authority, headed by a committee of public figures representing a wide spectrum of political, social and cultural interests, was designed to be at arms-length from the government. The committee was to embody the general public interest. Led by its chairman, appointed by the Minister of Education and Culture, it was meant to supervise the activities of the professional staff. That staff was directed by, and accountable to, a director-general — a professional — also appointed by the government.

The system has been problematic. The committee, and its chairman, have always found it difficult to put their stamp on broadcasting, for the professionals, including the director-general, do not owe them their appointments. The professionals, for their part, have resented intrusion by what they consider representatives of external vested interests.

The director-general has been caught in the middle. His capacity to manage the professionals has depended in no small measure on his ability to impress them with his independence of the committee and its chairman. Yet his capacity to function has depended, as well, on his willingness to accept the chairman's authority.

And hovering over both the chairman and the director-general has been the shadow of government.

When the Likud took power, it sought to reform what it considered to be a hostile broadcasting authority. That Labour had also seen the authority as hostile was of little moment. The Likud's chance came in 1979. It appointed Professor Reuven Yaron as chairman and veteran newspaper journalist, Yosef Lapid, director-general. Both were expected to reflect the Likud's new nationalism.

And indeed conflict with the professional staff soon developed. Intervention, especially in the TV news department, sometimes made almost as much news as the news itself. What the professional TV journalists considered proper delivery of relevant information, the director-general or his chairman considered angled or politically-inspired news management. And vice versa.

During the past two years however, the conflicts have lessened. Each side has compromised and learned to live with the other. The journalists accept the more constricted parameters, the chairman and the director-general guard professional prerogatives within them.

But the government is not satisfied. It prefers a wholly tame and toothless broadcasting system. To achieve this it has adopted a two-tier strategy. For the long range it desires to establish a second, and commercial, TV channel which it believes would be more pliable. In the short range it seeks to bring in new brooms.

Prime Minister Shamir insists that the present director-general be replaced by a newspaper journalist, the premier's former spokesman, whose only visible credential is political fidelity to the ruling party. And Education Minister Hammer hanging on to his patronage rights, insists on appointing one of his own coterie as chairman.

These appointments will take politicization of the authority a huge step beyond what was deemed acceptable in 1979. Then at least the personal qualifications, and not simply the political identity, of the candidates were still thought relevant.

Perhaps Mr. Shamir and his colleagues feel confident that intimidation of the professional staff has advanced sufficiently to erase any possibility that the professionals will resist the new rule. Or perhaps they are ready to welcome resistance as an opportunity to revamp the authority on the professional level as well.

In either case, what is plain is that the broadcasting authority is being denuded of the independence it was meant to have. It would be more forthright, therefore, to discard the present structure altogether, and go back to the times when broadcasting was a department of the Prime Minister's Office. That, if not honourable, would at least be honest.

PULLBACK

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and will return here at the weekend for a meeting with Prime Minister Shamir.

His visit comes shortly after the Soviets vetoed a French initiative at the Security Council to send UN troops to Beirut to take over from the multinational force. But Israeli sources say the French have not despaired of negotiating a new proposal acceptable to both superpowers, and meanwhile the British have suggested that the small contingent of UN observers in Beirut be beefed up to help monitor a cease-fire in the city.

In Israel, there has been a slight but significant shift of position, or at least of tone, towards the idea of a UN role — and this will not have escaped Urquhart and his chief, Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar. In several public statements, Shamir made a point of noting that he did not oppose a UN role, and there has been none of the

previously frequent public disparagement of Unifil in official Israeli rhetoric of late.

Last night, senior officials here made it clear that Israel was not "at this stage" thinking of Unifil as an integral part of a security system for South Lebanon. Israel, they said, still did not regard Unifil as a fighting force or even as an effective buffer force between the PLO and Southern Lebanon.

But nor is there the kneejerk rejection of Unifil that formerly characterized Israeli thinking, the senior officials observed. Shamir and his top aides are ready, and indeed eager, to hear what Urquhart has to say.

They are also favourable to the idea of a broader UN role inside Lebanon, as an instrument of peace-keeping, pacification and conciliation. "If the UN can succeed in the North," said one official, "that in itself would have a helpful effect in the South."

THE WELL-MEANING school-teacher in Rehavia, Dr. Uriel Reshef, who spoke about the superiority of western culture over eastern cultures, has unwittingly opened a can of worms. Political mischief-makers are seizing their opportunity. They pretend that what he favours is Ashkenazi culture over Sephardi culture.

He cannot possibly have meant that, and for the simplest reason: there is no such thing as Ashkenazi culture. Jewish culture exists — it has done since biblical times — but an Ashkenazi Jewish culture as distinct from a Sephardi Jewish culture? That must be a figment of someone's overheated imagination.

The Jews of Eastern Europe did develop over the centuries a Yiddish culture, which is something different. First of all, with the sad passing of those communities it has disappeared. Secondly, it was not a culture that stood comparison with other cultures for its civilizing qualities.

Yiddish was a folk-culture. It expressed — and relieved — the hardships of a poor and persecuted people. It did not aspire to be an elite code which must be communicated to other nations for their moral edification.

If Reshef is guilty of brow-beating lesser mortals, it is not by extolling the merits of a way of life which we belonged to with sympathy, but which he thought of as ghetto and disappeared with the ghetto. His offence, if it is an offence, was to advocate the primacy of another culture altogether, a secular one which prevails in countries that Ashkenazim happen to inhabit: the liberal culture of the western world.

The people who should bridle at that are not the Sephardim, many of whom share that European culture. The ones who can legitimately feel injured are the followers of religious Orthodoxy.

RESHEF HAS revived the age-old clash between Zealots and Hellenists. His barbs are directed against those, Ashkenazi and Sephardi alike, who believe textually in the Torah and abide exclusively by its Talmudic interpretation.

READERS' LETTERS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — I refer to Michal Yudelman's report of February 23, "TA engineering officials told not to talk to journalists."

Until now, I was convinced that The Jerusalem Post published news stories like the rest of the press. I also know how difficult it is for public institutions to get favourable news reports published about their activities, since newspapers usually claim that good news is not news.

So I was surprised to read your report about the Tel Aviv-Jaffa Municipality, according to which workers in the city's engineering administration were forbidden to talk to journalists without the prior authorization of the municipal spokesman. This is one of the strangest news stories I have come across, since every journalist in Israel knows that all civil servants (governmental, municipal, etc.) have always had to get prior authorization from their organization's spokesman to speak with the press. This is not a custom, but an order included in the book of regulations of government workers. Hatakskir, and anybody who contravenes it is liable to be brought before a disciplinary court.

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — The Israel Hotel Association, like the proverbial ostrich, has its head buried in the sand.

Despite empty rooms and Eilat now turned into a ghost town, Israel's hoteliers refuse to admit that their rates are too high, their service deficient, and their hotels over-rated. The country lacks most of the amenities that interest the ordinary tourist seeking relaxation and entertainment. So we get only those whose specific interest is Israel, or who are here to visit family and are willing to pay the price. Otherwise, why come here where there are no casinos, no horse-races, the night life is tame, the rabbi control what you eat and drink, the world press publicizes bombs and terror.

My wife and I recently spent a weekend in Eilat, staying at what is rated as a four-star hotel. The rate for Israelis was IS\$600 plus 15 per cent VAT or IS\$640 per night, for a double room with breakfast. At that time this was equivalent to \$64. The

COOKERY COURSE

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — The article on Ezrath Nishim's cookery course in Haim Shapiro's column of February 24 missed out on a very important point. It is due to the advice and encouragement of Haim Shapiro that the course has been completely sold out, and promises to be an overwhelming success.

AGE-OLD CLASH

By DAVID KRIVINE

There are today two versions of the Jewish heritage. One, which we shall for the sake of convenience associate with the house of Shamai, sees it as a book of rules that must be obeyed literally and blindly. Ours not to reason why. All is contained in the Holy Books: not one iota must be changed.

Reshef's philosophy, which we may attribute to the house of Hillel, is receptive to new ideas. His version of Judaism stresses the rational, the humanitarian, the freedom-loving aspects of the Jewish faith. The laws of the Torah are not arbitrary edicts from on high, requiring compliance regardless of the purpose they serve. They are rules of conduct guiding man away from the bad and towards the good. Jews must understand what the Torah is trying to teach. They must observe the spirit rather than the letter of the law.

The Greek philosophy of life and the Hillel school's version of Judaism form the twin foundations on which western culture was built. That culture infuses Israel's secular society. It has contributed to catalysing the several varieties of Jewish religious reform that have sprung up in the Diaspora.

However, it has had no impact whatsoever on Orthodoxy in Israel; and this is where the clash between the religious and the secular in the Jewish state originates.

LET US take the issue of Petah Tikva's cinemas. A majority on the town council wants them open on the Sabbath. The religious insist on keeping them shut and are prepared to fight for that demand.

Extremists on both sides mis-

understand the nature of the controversy. They believe the conflict is over whether it is proper for a Jew to watch the capers of play-actors on the screen during the one holy day of the week.

The liberals do not say that it is or isn't proper; they are not didactic on this point. They leave it to the individual. Every man is free to decide whether he should go to synagogue, or alternatively seek more mundane entertainments. The western stand is not anti-religious; it is pro-personal freedom.

The Petah Tikva town council is following the precepts of western culture faithfully. It has not closed the synagogue; it has simply declared that, just as synagogues are open on Friday night, so cinemas should be open on Friday night. Anyone wanting to make his devotions is free to attend a synagogue service. Anyone preferring comedy or drama is entitled to buy a ticket and watch a film.

One alternative does not interfere with the other. This is the beauty of the liberal philosophy; and this is where Jewish Orthodoxy deviates from Reshef's western culture. The devout bearded demonstrator in Petah Tikva thinks that what is in dispute is the law of the Torah.

He is mistaken. Liberal-minded people do not take issue over religion. Some are themselves believers, and accept that Jews have a duty to abide by the precepts of Judaism. What they cannot accept is the principle of coercion. Jews in Israel are being forced to conform. There is a clash here between freedom of thought and religious compulsion. That is what the argument is about.

No one queries the right of the observant Jew to eat kosher and refrain from travelling on the Sabbath. What is queried is the urge among the authorities to turn that right into an obligation.

THE HOUSE OF SHAMAI see Judaism as the collective heritage of the Jewish people, and obedience to God as the collective responsibility of the entire community. All traffic should be brought to a stop on the Sabbath, so that a holy silence settles over the land. The worship of God has to be universal, otherwise Israel is not a Jewish state.

That is a splendid vision, but there has to be a proviso. Universal worship is indeed a magnificent thing — provided all the worshippers join in the prayers of their own free will out of true religious conviction.

The rabbis do not see that; their lore is positively medieval. Instead of being teachers, they turned into politicians. They compel obedience. They don't influence people to opt for religion, they impose the decision by statute. They do not care what each of their congregants thinks in his heart of hearts; they are concerned only with his public behaviour.

The liberal approach is superior to the theocratic, for two reasons. First, it prevents violent clashes between groups holding contrary opinions. It permits peaceful co-existence. Each side is presented with a fair challenge: to persuade the other by argument and example.

Religious bigots who present their case by stone-throwing and abuse are guilty of desecrating that very Jewish moral code which they claim to defend.

Secondly, the liberals differentiate between genuine belief and bogus pretence. To abstain from eating pork because the stuff is locked away and you can't lay your hands on it is meaningless as a religious act.

Why does the Torah forbid pork? Not because there is something inherently unclean about this particular farmyard animal. The ban is a deprivation imposed on the faithful, an act of self-denial to prove their obedience to the will of God.

To make transgression impossible

— by abolishing pork — is to miss the point. Pork should, on the contrary, be made freely available, as it is and always has been in the Diaspora. The Jew proves his fidelity to the faith by performing an act of rejection, that is, by refusing to eat foods which, although on offer, are impure in the eyes of the Lord.

THE RABBINICAL practice of piety on command and religion by edict sometimes results in absurdities which border on the ridiculous. Hotels forbid smoking on the Sabbath in the public rooms, but not how can they? — in the private rooms. Dinner-guests may not be served white coffee after a meat meal in the dining-room. All they need is to step in the adjoining lounge where they are at liberty to order coffee with milk.

Are such empty rituals, performed mechanically and often resentfully, of any value? The Jew who eats ritually-slaughtered meat in an El Al plane because that is what the steward lays before him is no different from the gentile who happens to be occupying the next seat and fancies himself doing the same.

Are the two unbelievers, Jew and gentile, performing a mitzva by eating kosher without meaning to? In other areas of Israeli life, the liberal culture of the West prevails without anybody disputing it. Democracy, free speech, freedom of conscience, the rule of law, equality before the law — these are all taken for granted. All Uriel Reshef says is that the liberal tradition which dominates in the West dominates in most areas of Israeli life too and should be accepted as the civilized way of conducting human affairs.

It stands closer to the true nature and spirit of the Torah than the stuffy, rigid, formalistic interpretation made by the followers of the house of Shamai who rule among the religious establishment in Israel.

All of which only goes to confirm that the merits and demerits of the liberal western culture have nothing whatever to do with the division between Ashkenazi and Sephardi inside the Jewish community.

The writer is a member of The Jerusalem Post editorial staff.

COMMUNICATING WITH ISRAELIS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — Just who is not speaking to whom?

At a recent talk in Philadelphia, Amos Oz said that it was essential that Diaspora Jews and Israelis talk directly to each other, and not through the pages of The New York Times. Of course, he is right. But Israelis can be very difficult to communicate with.

Recently, our Tsavta Club had the

honour of inviting a group of 16 Israel Air Force pilots to our backyard cook-out. I am sorry to report that the Israelis spent the evening bunched together at three or four contiguous tables. After a few unsuccessful attempts at communicating (in English), I gave up and left them to their own devices.

Mr. Oz, take heed.
SIDNEY SILVIAN
Columbus, Ohio.

UNFAIR TAX

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — After reading various letters to The Post about the unfair travel tax, from immigrants from all parts of the world living in all parts of Israel, we have decided that the time has come to do something about it.

All those who agree with us that the travel tax is unfair are requested to send us their family name, number of people in the family, year of aliyah, and the country they have come from, so that their names can be included in a petition. The petition will be sent to the minister of finance, with a copy to the prime minister, to try to get them to realise how very unfair the travel tax is, and hopefully they will decide to either reduce it or abolish it entirely.

Please send this information as soon as possible, to either Melanie Bloch, 11/6 Rehov Ben-Gurion, Ra'anana, or Eileen Freedman, 10 Rehov Ben-Gurion, Ra'anana.

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ELECTORAL REFORM

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — Hurrah for Gad Ya'acobi (interview in The Post of February 28).

It is exactly two years since the formation in the Knesset of a multi-party committee to change the electoral system. The majority of the electorate is today sick and tired of the present system. According to the number of MKs who responded to CCC's lobby, so are almost 50 per cent of Knesset members across the board.

We urge all those who are interested in joining the campaign to change the present system to open regional proportional representation to contact our office, 05-658899. Only public pressure on the Knesset members will ensure that Ya'acobi's plan is accepted by a 61 majority on the board.

ZELDA HARRIS
National Director
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Tel Aviv.

M.D. FENASTONE

Tel Aviv.

Electricity bills

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — The Electric Corporation encourages us to pay its bills by standing bank order, assuring us that the account will be rendered and marked with a date before which the money will not be debited by the bank. This, in fact, is done.

The trap only appears when one examines the accounts of one's neighbours who have not joined the system. Their accounts show a final date for payment which is five days after the date on which the bank automatically pays standing orders.

Thus, a person who pays his own bills has the use of his money for an extra five days — and this assumes greater significance if the due date coincides with the end of the month, when the standing order would be paid at the end of the month, whereas the person who pays independently can postpone his payment to the beginning of the next month.

M.D. FENASTONE

Tel Aviv.

Control of Histadrut

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — The unfortunate death of Ya'acov Levinson has brought forth a call, from some quarters of the Labour Party, for that party to reassert and strengthen its control over the Histadrut and its institutions.

As a member of the Histadrut, I oppose this view. It is the role of a socialist, social democratic, or labour party to politically represent the working class, and not the other way around. If anything, the Histadrut should strengthen its control over the Labour Party.

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